

WHERE I WANT TO BE



Blackburn
College

COURSES FROM
ENTRY LEVEL TO DEGREES



9 OUT OF 10 GRADUATES IN
WORK OR FURTHER STUDY
after 6 months*



85% OF DEGREES APPROVED
BY LANCASTER UNIVERSITY
in the Top 10 in the UK



PAY NOTHING UPFRONT!
on many courses



- ▶ English & Maths
- ▶ Vocational Courses
- ▶ Adult Apprenticeships
- ▶ Access to Higher Education Diplomas
- ▶ Foundation Entry Degrees
- ▶ HNCs / HNDs
- ▶ Degrees



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WELCOME

At Blackburn College we know a lot about adult students. We know you'll have concerns about returning to education. We know you'll be worried about how you'll be supported financially and personally during your course. But most of all, we know that you can study with us and change your life.

Whether you want to change your career completely, get paid more for a job you love or want to enjoy a new opportunity; we can help. We offer courses for beginners through to degrees – in everything from Auto Mechanics to Textiles. We believe passionately that all adults can return to study – and we're committed to making it as easy as possible.

We hope you'll find our University Centre and Adult Prospectus useful and it will inspire you to study with us.

We look forward to seeing you in September.

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MEET JODIE WHO SECURED HER DREAM JOB!

Jodie Ormersher was working as a Dental Receptionist and liked her job and the people she worked with but wanted to change career into something she really loved.

Working whilst she studied, she chose to enrol on a BSc (Hons) Applied Psychology (Counselling & Health) degree programme. Her efforts have been rewarded – she's celebrating landing her dream job with Macmillan nurses.

Jodie said "I've always wanted to work providing emotional support for people and the degree has given me the skills to do just that, as well as the volunteering work I chose to do in my spare time."

"The course has been fantastic and it's really put me in good stead for full-time work. I knew that to progress my career I needed a degree."

When asked about any advice that she would give to adult learners, Jodie said "Take every opportunity! The staff at University Centre at Blackburn College have been great; they really do encourage you. Even at times when I've felt it's been difficult, they have really pushed me to carry on."

Jodie Ormersher – Aged 26
Full-time job with Macmillan nurses

THE 3 THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW...

1 WHAT LEVEL OF COURSE IS RIGHT FOR ME?

We have courses available at a range of levels no matter what your ability, previous experience or how well you did in school. We feel confident we'll have something that interests you.

Turn to page 8
to work out what level of course is right for you.

85% of degrees are approved by Lancaster University



2 FINANCIAL SUPPORT

We will support you financially and you may not have to pay anything upfront for your course. The course you study will determine what financial support you can be offered, this could be anything up to £500 for some of our courses or you could get over £15,000 for others!

Turn to page 10*
to find out about how we support adult students financially and see the terms and conditions attached to our £500 Support Allowance.

FULL-TIME STUDENTS CAN RECEIVE

£500*

3 PERSONAL SUPPORT

We will support you to achieve your goals. It doesn't matter if you need support for a disability, support to settle in – or support to achieve a First Class Honours degree. We are used to helping adult students achieve their qualifications.

Turn to page 16
to see how we will support you to achieve your goal.

SMALL CLASS SIZES

OUTSTANDING SUPPORT

WANT TO TALK THROUGH YOUR OPTIONS IN PERSON?

For more information on anything in this guide, please contact Student Services (The Hub):

Phone: 01254 29 29 29 | Email: thehub@blackburn.ac.uk | Visit: www.blackburn.ac.uk

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WHATEVER COURSE YOU CHOOSE...

BLACKBURN COLLEGE IS THE PLACE FOR YOU.

Did you know just how good the education opportunities on your doorstep are? Blackburn College has come a long way since it was founded over 125 years ago. Now, we have a £65million Campus and whatever course/area you choose, you can be satisfied you'll be getting the best quality of education available.

LEVEL 3 / VOCATIONAL COURSES

OVER
100
courses at ▶ **100%**
SUCCESS

We know the commitment it takes adult learners to return to College. As over 100 of our vocational courses have a 100% success rate you can be sure you will be in safe hands with Blackburn College.

VOCATIONAL
SUCCESS TOP
10%

The College overall success rate for Level 3 qualifications (popular with adult learners returning to education) is, for the second year running, in the top 10% of colleges nationally.

Ofsted
Outstanding
2007/2008

Blackburn College holds the highest possible rating of Outstanding from Ofsted, the body that inspects and regulates education providers.

APPRENTICESHIPS

Number **1**
in England for

Level 3 Advanced
Apprentice Success

Blackburn College is delighted to announce that recently published national success rate data has revealed that the College's timely success rate for Advanced Apprenticeships is the highest in England, with the College placed 1st out of 218 colleges. Our Adult Apprentice Success Rate is +16% higher than the national average.

Source: SFA National Success Rates table.

90% OF APPRENTICES STAY IN
EMPLOYMENT
AFTER FINISHING THEIR APPRENTICESHIP

If you want to not only earn while you are learning, but stand the best possible change of staying in work afterwards, an Apprenticeship is a great option.

Source: www.gov.uk

UNIVERSITY CENTRE AT BLACKBURN COLLEGE

9 OUT OF 10
GRADUATES



in work or further study
6 months after graduation

In 2013 and 2014, 9 out of 10 of our graduates were in work or further study just 6 months after graduation. A fantastic achievement! These statistics are derived from annually published data. They are based on UK graduates who are available for employment and further study and whose destinations are known.

Source: Destinations of Leavers of Higher Education – 2014 data.

85% of degrees are approved by
Lancaster University

TOP 10 of Universities in the UK

This means you will leave with a Lancaster University degree certificate to impress your graduate employers.

We also work with the University of Cumbria, University of South Wales and University of Central Lancashire.

 **QAA**
UK Quality Assured

We have been officially recognised by leading Higher Education experts, the Quality Assurance Agency, for our work with employers and the efforts we put into getting you graduate employment.

Working
with over
4,000
employers

Our work with over 4,000 employers is testament to the skills we have in both adapting the courses we teach to employer's needs, but also the efforts we go to ensure you get work experience, volunteering experience or your dream job at the end of your course. Just some of the big names we work with include:

The **Senator Group**

 **Workhouse**
Creative Marketing

 **CHORLEY GROUP**
www.chorleygroup.co.uk

forbessolicitors.

 **HERITAGE**

GRAHAM & BROWN
EST. 1946

PM+M
chartered accountants

 **CROWN**
PAINTS

 **Simpsons**
www.simpsonsskoda.co.uk

 **BLACKBURN with DARWEN**
MEDICAL CENTRE

 **Bowker BMW**
www.bowkerbmw.com

 **HERBERT PARKINSON**
Part of the John Lewis Partnership
MADE IN LANCSHIRE

GETTING STARTED

LET'S GET A FEW THINGS STRAIGHT...

We know you'll have worries about returning to education as an adult. There are generally five main worries that adult students tell us they have when returning to study. We can help solve all of these worries and more.

WORRY 1

"I don't have many qualifications."

It doesn't matter. At Blackburn College we have a range of courses at all levels. If you are not ready for a higher level course just yet, we'll have something else instead. Turn over to see what level of course might be for you.

WORRY 2

"I can't afford it."

Please don't let financial worries put you off! Turn to **pages 10-14** to see just what financial support is available.

WORRY 3

"I don't have time to study."

Did you know that you could study a full-time course but only come into College an afternoon and evening a week? Or even just one full day a week or less? You will need to do work in your own time but many adult students work as well as study with us.

WORRY 4

"I didn't do very well at school."

Again, it doesn't matter. Since you left school you will have lots of other experience that may help you enter our courses. We take this experience, as well as formal qualifications, into account. Turn over to see the qualifications and/or experience needed to start.

WORRY 5

"I've lots of other commitments."

Why not consider a part-time or short course? We have a range of options available. Turn this guide around and you will also be able to view our extensive range including e-learning courses.

STILL GOT WORRIES?

Don't discount studying just yet.

MAKE AN APPOINTMENT

with our dedicated Student Services team (The Hub).
Phone **01254 29 29 29** or email thehub@blackburn.ac.uk

MEET RICHARD

"My journey at Blackburn College started when I enrolled to study photography. Previously, I'd worked in retail for 17 years. I was working in store manager roles and had been 'sucked' into that lifestyle. I never saw myself as being able to get qualifications. I watched my older brother achieve a degree in Graphic Design and go on to establish himself as a director of his own successful design company and it always inspired me.

I strongly recommend Blackburn College. I travelled over an hour to study the course because the tutors told me they knew I had it in me to do it and encouraged me all the way. During my course I was able to gain a huge amount of work experience and the tutors at Blackburn College hooked me up to work with local design agencies, an Engineering company, logistics company and local retailers."

Richard Tymon | Freelance Photographer



6 STEPS TO NEW OPPORTUNITIES

We hope you'll be able to use this guide to access one of the many courses available at Blackburn College. Here's the steps you should take to work out which course is for you.

1 THINK ABOUT WHAT LEVEL YOU'RE AT

All qualifications in England are set at different levels. Use our simple grid on **page 8** to help narrow down your course choice.

2 THINK ABOUT THE COURSE YOU WANT TO DO

Have you got a passion for painting? Do you like experimenting with engines? Or do you want to cook up a storm in a professional kitchen? Our range of courses is extensive. You'll find it from **page 17 onwards**.

3 WEIGH UP YOUR FINANCIAL OPTIONS

Don't let worries about finance put you off. If you are confused about financial support please make an appointment with Student Services (The Hub) or see **pages 10-12** for more information about financial support.

4 APPLY FOR YOUR COURSE AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT

You can apply for your course using our website www.blackburn.ac.uk/apply. Making an application is easy but you should set some time aside to fill your application in fully. You can also apply for financial support. See **pages 10-14**.

5 ACCEPT YOUR PLACE

We'll write to you to offer you a place on a course or invite you for an interview for your course. This will be a great opportunity for you to meet our staff, visit College and look around our £65million campus.

6 ENROL!

When you're due to start your course we'll let you know the date and time of your enrolment slot at College. You'll then be ready to start your first classes!

WANT TO TALK THROUGH YOUR OPTIONS IN PERSON?

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WHICH COURSE / LEVEL IS FOR ME?

The first step in thinking about returning to education is to consider what level you're at.

Qualifications at Blackburn College are set at a level ranging from **Entry Level up to Level 7**.

What level you are currently at depends on the qualifications you have already got - but also the experience you have.

Many adults think they cannot come back to College because they didn't do so well at school, or they lack formal qualifications. This is not true. If you have the desire and commitment to succeed, we'll do our utmost to make it possible for you to study.

WHAT IF I HAVE EXPERIENCE?

Great news!

As an adult you do not always need formal qualifications. For many courses we take work and life experience into account. If you have experience of something you want to study (for example you are already working in a particular job that is relevant to your course), you may be able to 'jump' levels.



HOW DO DIFFERENT LEVELS / QUALIFICATIONS COMPARE?

	WHAT QUALIFICATIONS ARE THERE?	CAN I START THESE QUALIFICATIONS?
● LEVEL 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Master's degrees 	You can start these if you have qualifications at Level 6
● LEVEL 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Honours degrees (eg. BA, BSc, BEng or LLB) 	You can generally start these if you have qualifications at Level 3, 4, or 5
● LEVEL 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Higher Apprenticeships Higher National Diplomas (HNDs) Foundation Degrees 	You can generally start these if you have qualifications at Level 4 or relevant work experience
● LEVEL 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Higher Apprenticeships Higher National Certificates (HNCs) 	You can generally start these if you have qualifications at Level 3 or relevant work experience
● LEVEL 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vocational Courses Advanced Apprenticeships Foundation Entry Degrees Access to Higher Education Diplomas Foundation Diploma in Art & Design 	You can generally start these if you have qualifications at Level 2 or relevant work experience
● LEVEL 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vocational Courses GCSEs (grades A*-C) Traineeships Intermediate Apprenticeships 	You can generally start these if you have qualifications at Level 1 or by interview as an Adult Learner
● LEVEL 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GCSEs (grades D-G) Foundation Diplomas National Vocational Qualifications (NVQ) Level 1 	
● ENTRY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Beginners courses for people with little or no experience or qualifications 	

TYPES OF COURSES

MATHS, ENGLISH & ESOL

If you don't currently hold qualifications in Maths and English or want to brush up on your skills, we're happy to help you achieve them now. You can study GCSE Maths and English without paying any tuition fees* if you didn't achieve A*-C grades. There is no age limit. We also offer a range of ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) qualifications for people who want to learn English as a second language.

VOCATIONAL COURSES

Vocational courses are available at levels 1-3 for adults. Most adults start their vocational course at Level 2 or 3. You could use these courses to re-train as a hairdresser, become a motor mechanic, chef or beautician to name just a few. There are many different courses available to help you achieve your new career.

ADULT APPRENTICESHIPS

Adult apprenticeships are designed for those who are aged 19+, whether you are in employment already or looking for a new employer. We offer over 40 different apprenticeships and have up to 100 jobs available at any one time. You will earn a wage from your employer.

See www.blackburn.ac.uk/apprenticejobs

PROFESSIONAL COURSES

These industry specialist courses help you gain the qualifications required to practice at a high level in certain jobs or professions. These courses do not qualify for fee waivers or financial support.

For more information see **page 76**.

YOU WILL STUDY IN OUR

£14 DEDICATED
MILLION UNIVERSITY
CENTRE

WITH ITS OWN LIBRARY, SOCIAL / STUDY SPACES
RESTAURANT AND STUDENTS' UNION

FOUNDATION STUDIES

ACCESS TO HIGHER EDUCATION DIPLOMAS

If you want to study at University but don't have the correct qualifications just yet, one of our Access to Higher Education diplomas can help you bridge the gap and prepare you for university study. We offer a range of Access courses to enable you to enter degree level study at University Centre at Blackburn College or courses at other Universities. **These courses are ideal if you are aged 24+ as you do not have to pay anything upfront.**

FOUNDATION ENTRY DEGREES

If you want to study an Honours degree at University Centre at Blackburn College but aren't ready just yet, our Foundation Entry Degrees help prepare you with an introductory year to get you used to University study and up-to-date with the skills and knowledge you'll need to start your Honours degree.

DEGREE LEVEL STUDY

At University Centre at Blackburn College we offer over 100 higher education courses including HNC/HND, Foundation Degrees and Honours Degrees. Over 85% of degrees are awarded by Lancaster University who are ranked in the top 10 of universities in the UK.



NOT SURE WHAT LEVEL / COURSE IS RIGHT FOR YOU?

Don't worry – our team at The Hub are able to work out which course might be best for you.

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* Additional Examination and other fees apply.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

As an adult student, we know you will be concerned about finance. You do not need to worry - there is a lot of financial support available to help you return to study.

UP TO £500 SUPPORT ALLOWANCE

APPLIES TO:

- ▶ Vocational Courses – from Entry to Level 3
- ▶ Access to Higher Education Diplomas

Adults starting an Entry Level to Level 3 course in September 2015 will be eligible to apply for a range of financial support including a £500 Support Allowance – which includes £100 travel support. Eligibility criteria apply.*

MORE SUPPORT!

YOU CAN ALSO GET:

- ▶ Support for Childcare

If you are aged 20+ you are able to get up to 90% of your term-time childcare costs paid for. Eligibility Criteria Applies.

If you are aged 19, you are able to access free childcare through the Government Care to Learn Scheme.

- ▶ Free Kit and Uniform*
- ▶ Fee Support** (dependant on benefit entitlement)

*Student and/or partner income must be less than £30,000 per year to be eligible. Learners must live at least 1 mile away from the College to be eligible for inclusive Travel Support.

**Eligibility criteria applies.

GET £1,000 FOR CHOOSING BLACKBURN COLLEGE

APPLIES TO:

- ▶ Degree Level study (excl. Foundation Entry Degrees)

Adults choosing full-time degree level study will receive our £1,000 Bonus. This applies to full-time eligible students studying HNCs/HNDs, foundation degrees or degrees for each year of study.

You can read the full-terms and conditions online at: www.blackburn.ac.uk/1000bonus

STOP PRESS!

APPLIES TO:

- ▶ Degree Level study (inc. Foundation Entry Degrees)

MAINTENANCE GRANTS

Those starting Foundation Entry Degrees, Degrees and HNC/Ds in 2015 are able to access a Maintenance Grant of up to **£3,387** for each year of study. This is available to households with an income of £25,000 a year or less. This does not have to be repaid.

In 2016, the Government will REMOVE Maintenance Grants in favour of Maintenance Loans and you will have to repay the amount borrowed.

- **APPLY NOW FOR 2015 – secure your Maintenance Grant!**

APPLY NOW!

As each person's financial and family situation is different we recommend that you visit our specialist team at The Hub and book a confidential appointment so that we can maximise the support available to you and help you complete any forms required. Phone 01254 29 29 29 | Email thehub@blackburn.ac.uk



UNDERSTANDING THE COSTS OF UNIVERSITY STUDY

APPLIES TO:

- Foundation Entry Degrees
- Degrees (inc Foundation Degrees)

There has been a lot of confusing information in the press about the costs of University study. If you start your study in 2015, you will be unaffected by the changes proposed by the government that you may have read about.

The table below explains succinctly all of the support that you may be able to access so long as you start your studies in 2015.

If you choose to start a course in 2016 a major change will be the removal of Maintenance Grants in favour of Maintenance Loans. You will still be able to access funding to support you during your studies but you will be required to pay back this money in instalments, once you are earning over £21,000 a year.

SUPPORT AVAILABLE IN 2015

FINANCIAL SUPPORT	WHAT IS IT?	HOW MUCH COULD I GET?
TUITION FEE LOAN	You can get a loan for the full cost of your University studies. You do not have to pay anything upfront.	You will only repay this when you earn over £21,000 a year. In 2015 we charge a headline fee of £7,500pa*.w
MAINTENANCE GRANT (This is only available to students starting in September 2015)	You can get one of these if your household income is less than around £42,000 a year.	You could get up to £3,387 a year. This DOES NOT have to be repaid.
MAINTENANCE LOAN	If you are a full-time student you can get a Maintenance Loan to support you while studying.	You could get up to £5,740 each year. You will only repay this when you earn over £21,000 a year.
PARENTS' LEARNING ALLOWANCE	If you're a full-time student and have dependent children you might be able to get extra funding.	You could get up to £1,573 a year. This DOES NOT have to be repaid.
ADULT DEPENDENTS GRANT	If you're a full-time student and have an adult, for example your wife/husband, who depends on you financially you might be able to get extra funding.	You can get up to £2,757 a year. This DOES NOT have to be repaid.
CHILDCARE GRANT	Depending on your household income, you can apply for up to 85% of your childcare costs during term time and holidays.	You can get up to £155.24 per week for one child or up to £266.15 per week if you have two or more children! This DOES NOT have to be repaid.
DISABLED STUDENTS' ALLOWANCE	These are grants to help pay the extra essential costs you may have as a direct result of your disability.	The amount you get depends on the individual. This DOES NOT have to be repaid.
£1,000 BONUS FOR FULL-TIME STUDENTS	This is an additional bonus available for full-time students studying at University Centre at Blackburn College.	You can get £1,000 a year. This does not have to be repaid. Not available in the first year to Foundation Entry degree students.

*Subject to change in subsequent years.

PAY NOTHING FOR YOUR COURSE UPFRONT

Many of our adult students pay nothing for their course upfront. Instead, loans are available from the Government. These are not like loans that you get from a bank. No salesperson will call at your house. Taking out one of these loans will not affect any other loans you may have, or affect a mortgage, for example.

CAN I GET A LOAN FOR MY COURSE?

Our simple table will help you work out if you can get a loan for your course so you have to pay nothing upfront! The ability to get a loan for your course, depends on your age and the type of course you choose

COURSES	CAN I GET A LOAN? AGED BETWEEN 19-23	CAN I GET A LOAN? AGED 24+
MATHS & ENGLISH	Tuition for these is FREE if you have no English and Maths GCSE at grade A*-C.	Tuition for these is FREE if you have no English and Maths GCSE at grade A*-C.
VOCATIONAL COURSES AT LEVEL 3	No – But don't worry – over 850 of our students studied for FREE last year.	YES - You have to pay nothing upfront
ADULT APPRENTICESHIPS	No – These course are FREE and you get paid.	No – These course are FREE and you get paid.
ACCESS TO HIGHER EDUCATION	NO - BUT you will not necessarily have to pay full fees for your course.	YES - You have to pay nothing upfront and your loan is wiped off if you progress straight to University.
FOUNDATION ENTRY DEGREES	YES - You have to pay nothing upfront	YES - You have to pay nothing upfront
DEGREE LEVEL STUDY	YES - You have to pay nothing upfront	YES - You have to pay nothing upfront
PROFESSIONAL & SHORT COURSES	No – But don't worry. Prices start from just £35 and you can pay in instalments on many courses.	No – But don't worry. Prices start from just £35 and you can pay in instalments on many courses.

The amount of loan that you get will depend on the individual cost of your course. For Foundation Entry Degrees and Degree Level study you are also able to take out additional loans to support you financially during your studies. Please note: The ability to get one of these loans depends on whether you have had a loan for a similar course, or course of the same level before.

HOW MUCH WILL I HAVE TO REPAY?

The amount that you will have to repay for your loan depends on how much you earn and not how much you owe. You will only repay your loan when you earn over £21,000 a year. Even then, repayments are small.

IMAGINE YOU EARN	AVERAGE MONTHLY SALARY AFTER TAX & STUDENT LOAN	MONTHLY REPAYMENT
£20,000 a year	£1,390.60 a month	£0
£21,500 a year	£1,443.27 a month	£4
£25,000 a year	£1,643.93 a month	£30
£30,000 a year	£1,889.77 a month	£67.50

Remember – you pay nothing upfront and repayments are small. If for any reason you stop earning over £21,000 then you will stop paying your loan repayments.

THOUGHT YOU COULDN'T AFFORD TO STUDY?

Many adults tell us there has never been a better time for them to study at Blackburn College. Many adult students pay nothing upfront for their course, are able to receive financial support from the government whilst they study and receive an additional £500 support allowance or £1,000 bonus from Blackburn College for each year of study.

FINANCE EXAMPLES

"I'm a parent and a full-time degree student. I got £5,960 a year and had to pay nothing upfront."

- £1,573 Parents' Learning Allowance
- £1,000 Blackburn College Bonus for full-time eligible students
- £3,387 Maintenance Grant

£5, 960 a year

"I'm a full-time, degree level student and took out a full Maintenance Loan. I got £6,740 a year."

- £5,740 Maintenance Loan
- £1,000 Blackburn College Bonus for full-time eligible students

£6,740 a year

LET OUR ADULT STUDENTS REASSURE YOU!



MEET SARA-LOUISE

"I had slightly unusual circumstances and was unsure if I would get any funding before I started my course. The advisor put everything in place to ensure that I could not only start but also stay on the course and also meant that my main focus could be my studies and not financial worries. The advisor gave me so much confidence - knowing everything was sorted was brilliant. I strongly believe that without their help I wouldn't have been able to motivate myself to get everything in place. I'm thoroughly enjoying my studies – the lowest grade I've received so far has been a B+. I'm so grateful for their support"

Sara-Louise Dobson - Aged 31
BA (Hons) History & Sociology



MEET PAUL

"I met with the Student Finance advisor before I started my Construction degree. I had questions such as what the payment schedule was and questions about the procedure of applying for funding. The advisor was able to explain all of this and help me apply. I've seen the team a few times since and the team at University Centre at Blackburn College have always been able to support me. They also explained about the different funding that was available, which I received. I went away and applied for the schemes myself but they explained it was available and encouraged me to apply."

Paul Troubridge - Aged 31
BSc (Hons) Construction
(Project Management)



MEET EMILY

Single mother of two Emily, who moved from Africa 10 years ago, was advised about the Learner Support Fund which helped her pay for childcare, books, equipment and even food. "Getting back into education was so much easier than I originally thought. Without the Advanced Learning Loan and the childcare support the College helped me with, there is no way I would be where I am today. I can now concentrate on progressing to university to continue my dream of being a set designer for TV and catwalks."

Emily Jackman - Aged 47
Level 3 Interior Design

Emily received the following extra support:
£150 towards course equipment
£150 Extra Support Allowance
£2,693 contribution towards Childcare

IT ALL STARTS WITH MATHS AND ENGLISH...

If you haven't attained a GCSE Grade C or above in Maths and English or equivalent qualification, we can support you to study these either alongside your course, or before you start your course.

STARTING LEVELS

If you're not yet ready to start a GCSE in Maths and English you can start with a Skills for Life short qualification.

Skills for Life FREE courses are for adults who would like to improve their Maths or English skills and have the opportunity to gain a qualification. They are ideal for people who would like a current qualification in English and/or Maths, to brush up English and/or Maths skills or to enhance their CV or gain a promotion

You can study the following qualifications at Blackburn College.

QUALIFICATION	LEVEL AVAILABLE	ENTRY CRITERIA	WHAT WILL IT COST?
SKILLS FOR LIFE - English	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Entry Level 1 Entry Level 2 Entry Level 3 Level 1 Level 2 	You do not need any previous qualifications to join these classes. We will undertake a small interview and assessment with you and help you determine which level is right for you.	These courses are FREE for adults if you do not have an English or Maths qualification equivalent to a grade A*-C at GCSE.
SKILLS FOR LIFE - Maths	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Entry Level 1 Entry Level 2 Entry Level 3 Level 1 Level 2 		
SKILLS FOR LIFE - ICT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Entry Level 1 Entry Level 2 Entry Level 3 Level 1 Level 2 		Courses start from £273 but some fee support may be available depending on your personal circumstances.

MOVING ON!

If you are already at a higher level or have some skills in Maths and English you may wish to choose our English Language GCSE or GCSE Mathematics courses.

QUALIFICATION	LEVEL	DURATION	WHAT WILL IT COST?
GCSE English Language	Level 2	1 Year – 3 hours a week	Tuition and examinations for these courses are FREE for adults if you do not have an English or Maths grade A*-C at GCSE. A £20 materials fee applies.
GCSE Mathematics	Level 2	1 Year – 3 hours a week	
GCSE Science	Level 2	1 Year – 3 hours a week	Tuition and examinations fees apply.

WHY RE TAKE YOUR ENGLISH AND MATHS GCSE?

For many jobs employers specify that you need a GCSE in English and/or Maths at grade C or above in order to apply. This particularly applies to roles in childcare and teaching. You will find studying at higher levels easier, as well as finding accessing University study easier, if you have a GCSE grade C or above in English and/or Maths or an equivalent qualification.

ENGLISH FOR SPEAKERS OF OTHER LANGUAGES (ESOL)

If English isn't your main language, our Skills for Life - ESOL courses can help you improve your English. ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) qualifications are designed to help you develop the skills you use in everyday life. They can also help you boost your CV or move on to further study.

Taking an ESOL qualification can help you:

- ▶ with employment
- ▶ talk to doctors and teachers
- ▶ support your child with their homework
- ▶ understand the customs of the UK
- ▶ pass the Life in the UK test and become a British citizen

You're twice as likely to earn more than £7 per hour if you have English and Maths GCSEs at Grade C or above?

DID YOU KNOW?

Source: Labour Force Survey (Office of National Statistics – 2014)

Once you have completed ESOL qualifications you can move onto GCSE qualifications and higher level courses.

You can study the following qualifications at Blackburn College.

QUALIFICATION	LEVEL	ENTRY CRITERIA	WHAT WILL IT COST?
SKILLS FOR LIFE - English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pre-entry Entry Level 1 Entry Level 2 Entry Level 3 Level 1 Level 2 	You do not need any previous qualifications to join these classes. We will undertake a small interview and assessment with you and help you determine which course is right for you.	Courses start from £210 but some fee support may be available depending on your personal circumstances.

WANT MORE INFORMATION ABOUT ALL OUR MATHS AND ENGLISH OPPORTUNITIES?

Our dedicated team at Student Services (The Hub) will be able to support you with all of these steps.

Phone: 01254 29 29 29 | Email: thehub@blackburn.ac.uk

OPENING TIMES
Monday to Thursday: 8.30am – 6pm
Friday: 8.30am – 4.30pm

Please report to The Beacon Centre – see page 72 for Campus Map



PERSONAL SUPPORT

As a Blackburn College student, you will have access to a range of support whilst you study.

ADDITIONAL LEARNING SUPPORT (ALS) & DISABILITY SERVICES

The Additional Learning Support team and Disability Services team at Blackburn College are an award winning department. The team are available to help you if you have a learning difficulty, disability or any other learning needs. We will adapt our support to best suit you and try to make sure all of your needs are met.

When you make your application please do include on any disabilities on your form. Declaring a disability will not affect you being offered a place on your choice of course – but it will enable us to support you better throughout the application process.

We can help with:

- ▶ Support for physical disabilities
- ▶ Mental health support
- ▶ Dyslexia support
- ▶ Sensory impairment support

CAREERS ADVICE & GUIDANCE

The College Careers team are always on hand to give you advice and guidance about how to progress into your dream job.

Drop-in sessions

Held daily during term time from 11am - 1pm, Monday, Wednesday and Friday in The Beacon Centre, Tuesday and Thursday in the University Centre and a twilight session on Mondays from 4pm - 6pm.

Phone 01254 29 29 29 or email thehub@blackburn.ac.uk to make a dedicated appointment.

We can help with:

- ▶ Finding the right course for you
- ▶ How to achieve your dream job
- ▶ CV & personal statement writing
- ▶ Job searching
- ▶ Selling your skills and interview technique

STUDENT FINANCE

Our Student Finance team are on hand to support you whatever level you wish to study at.

We recommend all adult students make an appointment with our Student Finance team prior to starting their course.

Phone 01254 29 29 29 or email thehub@blackburn.ac.uk to make a dedicated appointment.

We can help with:

- ▶ Ensuring you are fully aware of the funding opportunities that are available to you
- ▶ Applying for funding and accessing loans
- ▶ Assisting you if you're in genuine financial hardship
- ▶ Supporting you with advice about travel (where applicable)
- ▶ Assisting with short term Emergency Hardship (where applicable)

CONFUSED ABOUT FINANCE?

Don't worry! We've tried to make our adult guide as simple as we can, but even we realise that finance is daunting. We recommend to all adult students to make an appointment with our dedicated finance team at The Hub (Student Services) so we can discuss your finances with you on an individual basis.
Phone 01254 29 29 29 | Email thehub@blackburn.ac.uk



ACCOUNTING, BUSINESS & FINANCE

Business and related subjects (such as finance, accounting and management) are among the most popular subjects that people study at universities and Colleges all over the world. Business students are in high demand – their expertise and subject touches on pretty much every aspect of modern society. Careers with a business degree are diverse and often highly paid. If you want to start a professional business career, or progress in your role, you will find our range of interesting qualifications extensive.



WHY CHOOSE BLACKBURN COLLEGE & UNIVERSITY CENTRE?

SMALL CLASSES AND A RANGE OF COURSES

When you choose Accounting, Business & Finance you'll work in small class sizes, typically of no more than 20 people, which will help your understanding of complex mathematical topics. Our small class sizes will help you conduct group work – and work together in a team – just like you'll need to do in a real-life business situation.

Various options are available to you including Level 3 courses, Foundation Entry Degrees, Foundation Degrees, Honours degrees and a range of professional qualifications.



A MIXED AND HIGHLY EXPERIENCED TEACHING TEAM

You'll be taught by a mix of industry professionals including CIMA (Chartered Institute of Management Accountants) qualified accountants, CMI (Chartered Management Institute) qualified managers and full-time experienced teachers. A range of leading visiting lecturers often contribute to the programmes, these include business professionals and senior managers as well as motivational speakers which have included UK snooker champion Peter Ebdon.

THE BEST QUALIFICATIONS

All our Accounting and Finance degrees are approved by Lancaster University. This means you will graduate with a degree certificate from a UK Top 10 University. The majority of our Business degrees are also approved by Lancaster University but we also offer qualifications from the University of South Wales in this area.



WHICH AREA SHOULD I CHOOSE?

▶ ACCOUNTING

If you've got a head for figures, want to understand budgets, costings, taxation and more, then you will find a large range of accounting qualifications available to you in Blackburn. These will allow you to progress into a range of roles in almost any business or even set up your own. Understanding the finances of any business is the key to success. Accountants often hold the most senior positions in any company.

▶ BUSINESS

If you choose to study Business you will generally cover all major elements that organisations are concerned with. These include: Marketing, Human Resources, Finance, Business Law, IT, International Business, Operations Management, Managing Resources and more. You will get an overview of all the functions in a business and can then choose to specialise at a later date with a professional qualification.

▶ FINANCIAL SERVICES

Financial Services students study many Accounting areas but also get to specialise in areas that are of interest to businesses in Banking, Personal Finance the Loans sector. You'll look at investments, how people save and accumulate money as well as ethical issues and the environment that financial companies operate in to help people save safely.

▶ HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

If you wish to specialise in the area of people management, recruitment and selection or get up-to-date with the latest employment law, then studying Human Resource Management could be for you. These will help you move into roles such becoming a Human Resource Officer, HR Manager, Payroll Officer, Training Officer, Recruitment consultant or more.

WHY
BLACKBURN
COLLEGE...



▶ MARKETING

Marketers are creative, resourceful and full of ideas. But they're also strategic, able to develop solutions to every-day business problems and develop plans that ensure the long-term growth of a business. Our range of professional courses will help you progress your career and move towards Chartered Marketer status with the Chartered Institute of Marketing. Blackburn College is a Centre of Excellence for these courses.

▶ MANAGEMENT

We offer a range of management qualifications for people in all sectors – at lower and senior levels. From team leaders and supervisors, to CEOs and business owners, our Management qualifications from the Institute of Leadership and Management and the Chartered Management Institute help you hone and perfect your management skills and achieve qualifications. Many of these courses are extremely flexible.

▶ PURCHASING & SUPPLY

The Chartered Institute of Purchasing & Supply (CIPS) is globally renowned for delivering training and education programmes within all sectors. If you wish to work in a purchasing or procurement role, or purchase on behalf of your organisation and wish to achieve value for money and savings, then one of these courses is ideal for you. Blackburn College is a Centre of Excellence for these courses.

▶ RETAIL MANAGEMENT

Have you ever thought about the work that goes on behind the scenes to get your favourite products on supermarket shelves? Or your favourite line of clothing in a local store? If you have then you could find our retail management qualifications of interest. These qualifications are also ideal if you already work in a retail environment and wish to progress into management roles.

OFFICIALLY RECOGNISED FOR:

- ✓ Student Employability
- ✓ Working with Employers
- ✓ Employer Focused Curriculum

WHAT'S AVAILABLE FOR ADULTS?

See page 67
to see the full list of
courses available

	Adult Apprenticeship	Level 3	Access to Higher Education	Foundation Entry	Higher National Diploma (HNDs)	Foundation Degree	Honours Degree	Professional Qualifications
Accounting	●	●	●	●		●	●	●
Business	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	
Financial Services						●		
Human Resource Management	●			●			●	●
Marketing								●
Management	●							●
Purchasing & Supply								●
Retail Management	●					●	●	

PASS THESE ▲ GUARANTEED PROGRESSION

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Additional Entry Criteria may apply and subject to course choice being available.

I CHOSE BLACKBURN COLLEGE TO...

...CHANGE MY CAREER!



Virginia Toole

HND Business

Previously Virginia worked from home as she had her own business offering counselling services over the Internet.

"The staff reassuringly allayed many of my anxieties as a mature student about to embark on the overwhelming journey of education. The beauty of the course is that it is extremely relatable and flexible... Having researched a variety of educational options, this gem of a 'hop on, hop off ...rolling course' appealed instantly. The flexibility to join at a selection of dates throughout the year is ideal for the peace of mind of a mature student with family commitments not to mention, at the end of each completed year, a certificate can be attained."

...PROGRESS MY CAREER!



Kelvin Sole

Chartered Institute of Marketing

"I studied at Blackburn College for both my HND and Degree and the tutors were great so I decided to go back to study my professional marketing qualifications. I used elements of the course as a platform to build the marketing business plan within my current role, it's changed the way I work and has taught me about the tools available to me. I've been able to progress within Blackburn with Darwen Council and within the fitness industry and ultimately I would love to be the director of a large fitness company. This course is giving me the marketing know-how."

...BOUNCE BACK FROM REDUNDANCY!



Sheila Kennedy

FdA Accounting (Financial Services)

"I was made redundant suddenly and when I started applying for other jobs they all required a degree - the world has changed a lot since I started working. I really enjoyed my time at Blackburn College, the tutors are really supportive and approachable and the structure of the course was perfect for someone like me, who wanted to work part-time. I also loved studying with all different generations, it was great see us all progress and succeed. Since starting my degree I've been given fixed term positions and was then given a promotion by one of the employers. I'm now taking my professional qualification exams so that I can work as a fully independent financial adviser."

CAREERS

The number of jobs available in this area extensive! Here's a list of just some of the roles our qualifications can lead you to.

- ▶ Accounting Technician
- ▶ Account Manager
- ▶ Actuary
- ▶ Advertising Manager
- ▶ Bookkeeper
- ▶ Brand Manager
- ▶ Credit Controller
- ▶ Financial Services Customer Adviser
- ▶ Financial Advisor
- ▶ Human Resources Officer
- ▶ Local Government Officer
- ▶ Marketing Executive
- ▶ Market Researcher
- ▶ Marketing Manager
- ▶ Product Manager
- ▶ Public Relations Officer
- ▶ Purchasing Manager
- ▶ Quality Control Technician
- ▶ Recruitment Consultant
- ▶ Sales Manager
- ▶ Social Media Manager
- ▶ Store Manager
- ▶ Training Officer

Between
2013 and 2023,
an estimated
55,000

additional jobs
are forecast to be created in
the Financial & Professional
Services sector across
Greater Manchester.

Source: www.careerpoint-gm.co.uk

£21,551 – the average graduate starting salary
from an Accounting or Finance degree.

Source: Graduate Recruitment Bureau

25% of vacancies in the Management sector
are due to skills shortages, employers say.

Source: UK Commission for Employment and Skills (UKCES)

**DID YOU
KNOW?**

MEET DENISA WHO RETURNED TO EDUCATION

"I have lived in the UK for over 8 years now but originally chose Blackburn College to enrol on the Access to Higher Education Diploma in Business & Legal Professions. I came to England as I wanted to learn the language. My sister missed me so much she decided to also come to the UK shortly afterwards. She too, decided to enrol on the Access to Higher Education diploma. We loved it.

Since finishing my access course I have moved on study BA (Hons) International Business at the University of Salford, again with my sister. I really miss Blackburn College now. I miss my tutor who helped me so much to achieve the results I wanted. I got distinctions across the course which I am very proud of and wouldn't have been able to do without their support.

I got a loan for my course and support towards my travel. Blackburn College made sure I had everything I needed to be successful - the tutors provided presentations and took us to the library to help us borrow any books or resources we needed for the course. That was so great because we didn't have the money to buy things like that.

One day I hope to be the CEO of an International company but for the moment I am continuing my degree."

Denisa Tlandova

Access to Higher Education
in Business & Legal Professionals



CATERING, HOSPITALITY & EVENTS

Catering, Hospitality and Events are industries that contribute significantly to our local economy. The hospitality sector has grown in status and size, events are growing steadily too. As a consequence, these growth these areas are short of experienced and well-qualified professionals. Our range of courses in this area help to fill this gap. If you aspire to progress into management within the hospitality and events sector then these exciting courses area ideal. Some of these courses are especially useful if you are already working in the industry and wish to develop knowledge, skills and abilities in order to seek out promotion opportunities at various management levels.



WHY CHOOSE BLACKBURN COLLEGE & UNIVERSITY CENTRE?

GREAT FACILITIES!

Just some of them include:

- Scholars Training Restaurant
- Student run kitchens
- Student run café
- Student run bakery
- State-of-the-art production kitchens



FUN LEARNING

Courses in this area all include extremely practical elements. You will also undertake a number of practical sessions using Scholars Restaurant (the College's training restaurant) and it may be from there that you put on a range of events throughout your programme of study. This could include balls, themed dinners, charity nights, mini festivals and more – but will certainly involve creating great food.

THE BEST QUALIFICATIONS

All degrees in this area are approved by Lancaster University. This means you will graduate with a degree certificate from a UK Top 10 University. You can be sure that the Catering and Hospitality degree you will graduate with will help you progress in work and life.



WHICH AREA SHOULD I CHOOSE?

▶ EVENTS MANAGEMENT

If you're interesting in running events, organising conferences or large scale activities then this pathway is ideal for you. You'll get to put on your own events – be it festivals, gala dinners, wedding planning, charity events and fundraisers as well as study a range of Hospitality Management topics. At Honours level you can specialise in Events Management in your dissertation but will study alongside other Hospitality Management students.

▶ FOOD & BEVERAGE SERVICE

If you want to work front-of-house and gain practical restaurant skills, our Food and Beverage service courses will help you. You'll use Scholars restaurant on campus as a base, or may choose an Adult Apprenticeship option. Whatever you choose you'll enjoy serving and looking after customers, delivering excellent customer service and have the desire to pick up the tricks of the restaurant trade.

▶ HOUSEKEEPING

If you are great at organising and want to work in the hospitality industry, this job could be ideal for you. As a housekeeper, you will need to be able to encourage and motivate staff. You must have strong communication skills. You will also have to cope with problems and emergencies. The Adult Apprenticeship in this area will help equip you with this and practical skills for hotel and hospitality management.

▶ HOSPITALITY MANAGEMENT

If you wish to run a successful hospitality operation – whether it is a hotel, a restaurant or bar – our Hospitality Management route will enable you to gain higher level skills and progress into management roles. You'll study some professional cookery elements as well as a range of management skills, organisation and planning skills and more. This is an exciting and practical route that our adult students tell us they love.

▶ PROFESSIONAL COOKERY

If you're interested in professional cooking generally, or want to work at high levels in a restaurant or food outlet, these courses are extremely practical and will teach you the professional skills to create a range of restaurant quality food. These routes are ideal for people who want to move into professional chef roles and become qualified at Level 3.

▶ PATISSERIE

If fancy cakes, croissants, baked goods and delicate patisserie is your passion, our courses in this area will help you specialise in creating some of the UK's favourite treats. You'll use Scholars restaurant on campus as a base, or may choose an Adult Apprenticeship option. Whatever you choose you'll enjoy creating fantastic patisserie and confectionery.



▲ Our Hospitality Management students take part in a range of events that they organise and promote. These have included everything from Titanic themed events to Bollywood nights.

WHAT'S AVAILABLE FOR ADULTS?

See page 67 to see the full list of courses available

	Adult Apprenticeship	Level 3	Foundation Degree	Honours Degree
Events Management			●	●
Food & Beverage Service	●	●		
Housekeeping	●			
Hospitality Management	●	●	●	●
Professional Cookery	●	●		
Patisserie	●	●		

PASS THESE ▲ GUARANTEED PROGRESSION

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I CHOSE BLACKBURN COLLEGE TO...

...CHANGE MY CAREER!



Hope Barnes

BA (Hons)
Hospitality Management

"Before I started my Events Management degree I studied a professional cookery apprenticeship. I went straight into a job in Hospitality Management and worked in a range of roles for a number of years but wanted a higher level job and to challenge myself further. It was difficult at first because I'm dyslexic and at school I was often told that I couldn't do things. Starting my degree has proven that I can do things – and be successful at them. I never had these opportunities before.

The tutors have been great and encouraged me all the way through my course – I'm looking forward to starting my graduate career and have already got a supervisor's job when I finish."

...PROGRESS MY CAREER!



Hayley-Kate Fletcher

Adult Apprenticeship – Hospitality Supervision & Leadership

Hayley is starting to flourish in her dream career after completing an Adult Apprenticeship at Blackburn College. Hayley, who has always wanted her own restaurant, now has her own licence and the skills she needs to make this dream a reality.

"I can't thank the training assessor enough for helping me every step of the way and supporting me to fit my coursework in around my full time job. I have now progressed to a higher level Hospitality Management apprenticeship as I believe this will bring more career options for me."

...BUILD MY BUSINESS!



Daniel Coletta

Adult Apprenticeship – Professional Cookery & Business Owner

Daniel studied at Blackburn College to complete his Level 3 Patisserie qualifications and had worked in several roles all over the UK before opening his very own chocolate shop in Blackburn. In 2015 he starts his foundation degree in Hospitality Management with Blackburn College to gain higher level skills.

"I have always wanted to be my own boss, but I wasn't sure in what. I took a year out and was working in a call centre where a friend was planning an Alice in Wonderland themed wedding. I started thinking about how to make a chocolate tea set you could actually use. My business spiralled from there!"

CAREERS

The number of Catering, Hospitality and Events jobs available is extensive. Here is a list of just some of the jobs that adults who have studied these courses can move into.

- ▶ Baker
- ▶ Barista
- ▶ Bar Person
- ▶ Business Owner
- ▶ Butler
- ▶ Catering Manager
- ▶ Chef
- ▶ Conference Manager
- ▶ Event Planner
- ▶ Exhibition Organiser
- ▶ Festival Organiser
- ▶ Food Scientist
- ▶ Head Chef
- ▶ Housekeeper
- ▶ Headwaiter
- ▶ Kitchen Assistant
- ▶ Kitchen Manager
- ▶ Marketing Executive
- ▶ Mobile Catering Assistant
- ▶ Promotions Officer
- ▶ Pub Landlord/lady
- ▶ Restaurant Manager
- ▶ Waiting staff
- ▶ Wedding Planner

There are currently
412 jobs
in Catering &
Hospitality in the
North West on
www.totaljobs.co.uk

Source: www.totaljobs.co.uk, 8-07-15.

281,000 more jobs to be created in the
Hospitality & Tourism sector in the next 8 years

Source: www.careerpoint-gm.co.uk

£32,470 – the average income of Hotel and
Accommodation Managers and Proprietors!

Source: www.bbc.co.uk - Vicar or publican - which
jobs make you happy?

**DID YOU
KNOW?**

MEET MATT AND SEE WHERE HIS QUALIFICATION HAS TAKEN HIM

Matt is currently working as the Content Manager for Fortnum & Mason, London's most luxurious department store specialising in hampers, tea, coffee and sweet treats. He looks after the company's editorial content, social media and 'tone of voice' for the brand.

Previously he worked as a Multichannel Lead (Marketing Manager) role in London for a new fashion retailer, Open Menswear, and for Karen Millen as an E-Commerce Executive managing the fashion brand's website and online advertising.

Since leaving Blackburn College Matt has organised high profile corporate fashion events and brand launches and moved to London to begin a new life. After completing his Hospitality Management degree at Blackburn College he progressed to an MA in Fashion Design and Brand Promotion at the University of Central Lancashire.

Studying a Hospitality or Events Management subject lets you gain a range of skills that are of interest to businesses all over the UK. As Matt has shown, qualifications in this area could see you moving into a range of roles – including fashion, events promotion, marketing and many more.

Matt Ralph

Content Manager - Fortnum and Mason



CHILDCARE & YOUNG PEOPLE

What do we really know about contemporary children and families? How can we enhance the health and wellbeing of children and young people? How are children, young people and families understood in society and affected by policy? And how best should you look after and support children and young people? It is complex questions such as these that make the study of children, young people and childcare so interesting and sometimes controversial. At Blackburn College we offer a range of courses to help you start a new career or progress in your current role.



WHY CHOOSE BLACKBURN COLLEGE & UNIVERSITY CENTRE?

A ROUTE INTO PRIMARY TEACHING

Courses in this area can lead to jobs as Primary School teachers. Our Foundation Degree in Teaching & Learning Support (Primary) currently guarantees you an interview with the University of Cumbria to join their Postgraduate Certificate in Education programme and we have a strong track record of enabling our students to go on to study Primary teacher training qualifications across other subjects.



EXPERIENCED STAFF & FLEXIBLE COURSES

Our teaching team consists of a range of tutors from backgrounds in Nursery Management, Teaching Assistants, former Primary School Teachers, foster carers, Health and Social Care practitioners and staff members who specialise in Special Education Needs. Some of our courses have timetables to help you work and study. Our Early Childhood Studies foundation degree includes a 'Saturday' study option – to enable you to work-full time during the week.

THE BEST QUALIFICATIONS

Our Childcare and Young People degrees are all approved by Lancaster University. This means you will graduate with a degree certificate from a UK Top 10 University. You can be sure that the Childcare and Young People degree you will graduate with will help you progress in work and life.



WHICH AREA SHOULD I CHOOSE?

► CHILDCARE / EARLY YEARS

Courses in this area are ideal for those students working in childcare settings who seek promotion to management positions in childcare settings or for those seeking employment in this rewarding area. The courses focus on the major changes in the government's policies and you'll look at a range of up to date topics such as how to ensure children grow up healthy and safe, how society affects children, child psychology and more.

► DISABILITY STUDIES

In all sectors of work, you will come into contact with people who are disabled. Whether you're a support assistant within a school, care assistant within a workplace, a parent with a child or family member with an additional need; our courses in this area will help you understand disability issues and the context in which different professionals work with people who are disabled. You won't just cover young people, but may choose to specialise in this area.

► PLAYWORK

If you're interested in young children's learning and development within play settings then you may be interested in an Adult Apprenticeship in this area. The qualification provides an understanding of playwork values, and the importance of play and playwork in children and young people's lives. You may progress onto a Foundation Degree in Early Childhood Studies after you have completed the course too.

► SUPPORTING TEACHING & LEARNING

These courses are recognised by Headteachers and Schools as successful, relevant qualifications that impact positively on teaching and learning in schools. These courses are ideal for primary school teaching assistants who wish to move into teaching roles by studying additional qualifications and those who want to start to work in primary schools as teaching assistants.

► WORKING WITH YOUNG PEOPLE

These courses are ideal for those who wish to work, or wish to work in a higher paid position, in youth work settings or with children and young people who are slightly older. In these programmes you'll cover a range of topics such as the ethics surrounding young people, develop interpersonal, counselling and coaching skills, learning how children and adolescents develop and much more.

YOU MAY ALSO BE INTERESTED IN:

► EDUCATION

If you're looking to get into teaching then other options are available to you – you may for example be interested in teaching older students or adults. If so, you may be interested in courses in the Education section of our University Centre and Adult prospectus.

See page 41 for more information about different routes into teaching.



WHAT'S AVAILABLE FOR ADULTS?

See page 67
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courses available

	Adult Apprenticeship	Levels 2 & 3	Foundation Degree	Honours Degree
Childcare / Early Years	●	●	●	●
Disability Studies			●	●
Playwork	●			
Supporting Teaching & Learning	●	●	●	●
Working with Young People / Youth Work	●	●	●	●

PASS THESE ▲ GUARANTEED PROGRESSION

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Additional Entry Criteria may apply and subject to course choice being available.

I CHOSE BLACKBURN COLLEGE TO...



Natalie Gibson

BA (Hons) Early Childhood Studies

Natalie juggled working full-time in childcare with her degree, which she managed one day a week. She continued to work full-time during her PGCE, which she completed over two years.

"I came back to do my Foundation Degree due to changes within the childcare sector - the sector wanted to up skill their workforce. I was approached by the director of the company I worked for at the time who asked me to complete the degree. Once I began studying my career aspirations changed from working in a nursery to becoming a lecturer and showing other people how to do it. It was definitely difficult studying as well as working but I was really committed and I'm just relieved now it's all over."

Natalie has already started working at University Centre covering a maternity post as an Early Childhood Studies teacher, and is to start a Masters in Early Years Education next year.



Karen Brayshaw

BA (Hons) Early Childhood Studies

Karen battled illness all the way through her course and at one point was confined to a wheelchair – she overcame this to achieve her degree and is now working in a higher paid management role.

"On leaving school I wanted to become a nanny but one thing lead to another and I had to re-think my career. For many years I worked as the Transport Manager for Ribbles Valley Transportation Communications in Clitheroe, but I knew I had to revert back to my original plan. A position arose at the children's centre in Clitheroe to work with infants aged nought to three. I was unqualified when I first started at the centre and I really wanted to work my way up so I went to Blackburn College to study my degree. Throughout my course, I continued to work full-time at the centre alongside my daughter. I'm now the centre's Deputy Manager. My course was an amazing experience and I thoroughly enjoyed my three years of education."



Shanaz Sardar

BA (Hons) Early Childhood Studies

"Studying at Blackburn College is a rewarding, life-shaping experience, created by a friendly environment and a nice atmosphere. Being a single parent with 2 children and suffering with depression, it was not easy to achieve my goal without support. A warm welcome was always shown by the tutors helping in small groups or on a one-to-one basis.

I received support from the Disability Services team at University Centre at Blackburn College and support from the Mental Health and Well-Being Advisor. They supported me throughout my hard times. Without their support I could not have achieved my goal. My two boys are proud of their Mum!"

CAREERS

Just some of the careers that are available after completing courses in this area include:

- ▶ Activity Leader
- ▶ After School Coordinator
- ▶ Community Worker
- ▶ Community Development Coordinator
- ▶ Disability Support Worker
- ▶ Early Years Educator
- ▶ Early Years Manager
- ▶ Education Welfare Officer
- ▶ Family Support Officer
- ▶ Family Liaison
- ▶ Nursery Manager
- ▶ Primary Teaching – via PGCE
- ▶ Playworker
- ▶ Outreach Support Worker
- ▶ Social Worker – requires further study
- ▶ Support Worker
- ▶ Teaching Assistant
- ▶ Youth Centre Manager
- ▶ Youth Offending
- ▶ Youth Worker

This sector provides services to more than 2.3 million adults and between 1.5 and 2.5 million families per year.

Source: www.skillsforcareanddevelopment.org.uk, 13-07-15

1,176 Childcare Jobs currently available in the North West

Source: www.totaljobs.co.uk, 13-07-15

403 Disability Support related jobs currently available in the North West

Source: www.totaljobs.co.uk, 13-07-15

DID YOU KNOW?

MEET BAKEEBA WHO IS ENCOURAGING OTHER MEN TO STUDY CHILDCARE!

"I have always wanted to teach or be involved in young children's learning and development ever since I was small. I was the eldest sibling in my family and I always played the role of keeping an eye on the others. As time went on and I grew older I still had that desire but went into administration roles in retail or clerical work. I had a gap in education but decided to come back and study my degree. I put it off for a long time. I enrolled on the foundation degree in Early Childhood Studies – not only is it my interest but it's something I now want to work in as well.

I have loved getting up in the morning and going to my course. I've had some really good times and brilliant support from the course tutors and the whole team – they've been brilliant. Getting up and going to my placement and seeing the children so full of energy, ideas, creativity was great. You can't find that experience anywhere else. It's something you can't buy in a shop!

Now I have finished my course I am moving on to study a PGCE to become a Primary School teacher so will be further on in my dream. I would give advice to other men thinking of studying childcare that it will open your eyes and make you understand the importance of children's learning and development. It's a great field and puts men in a position to be able to understand not just their own children but overall childhood development. It is such a rewarding thing to study."

Bakeeba Ghukou

Moving on to be a Primary School Teacher



COMPUTING

Computing and computer technology are part of just about everything that touches our lives from the cars we drive, to the games we play, to the ways businesses and governments deal with us. Whether you want to be a scientist, develop the latest mobile app, or just know what it really means when someone says "the computer says no", studying computing will provide you with this valuable knowledge. Computing students are inquisitive, want to know how things work and are able to provide solutions to business problems. Careers in this area are varied and interesting, too!



WHY CHOOSE BLACKBURN COLLEGE & UNIVERSITY CENTRE?

EXPERIENCED STAFF & EXCELLENT FACILITIES

Whatever course you choose to study you'll be taught by an experienced mix of computing specialists. We have excellent computing facilities including:

- Over 15 dedicated computing suites
- Up to date software including Dreamweaver, Flash, Illustrator, Fireworks, Photoshop, Visual C++ and a wide range of industry standard software



WANT SOMETHING DIFFERENT?

If you're interested in the design side of websites, computer games and the look, feel and functionality of different websites rather than coding, then you may also be interested in our range of graphic design and illustration and animation courses.

See page 39 for more information.



THE BEST QUALIFICATIONS

Our Computing degrees are all approved by Lancaster University. This means you will graduate with a degree certificate from a UK Top 10 University. You can be sure that the Computing course you leave with will help you progress in work and life.



WHICH AREA SHOULD I CHOOSE?

► COMPUTING

Our computing programmes will help you gain highly sought-after skills in computer programming, database development, networking, website development, systems modelling and computer security and more. These are vital skills for gaining entry into organisations which demand confident and technically equipped computing graduates.

► CREATIVE DESIGN

These courses incorporate electronics, graphic design, art, animation, website production, visual communication using technology and more. You may choose to progress onto a graphic design, illustration and animation or traditional software/computing programme as you move to higher levels of study.

► INTERACTIVE MEDIA & SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT

Developing, updating and building complex software is time consuming and challenging. The software the works inside your mobile phone for example is some of the most complex in the world. If you wish to create, update and build software such as this – whether it be for business systems, gaming or even app development; you'll find courses in this area of interest.

► NETWORKING, FORENSICS & SECURITY

People with forensic and security skills are in demand – these courses will teach you to analyse devices and protect businesses from illegal attacks as well as build core computing skills. You'll build your networking and forensics skills in the later stages of these programmes and will cover common forensic analysis techniques used within the network security sector to protect company data and systems.



WHY
BLACKBURN
COLLEGE...

9 OUT OF 10
GRADUATES
In work or further study
6 months after graduation

85% of degrees are approved by
Lancaster University
TOP 10 of Universities in the UK

WHAT'S AVAILABLE FOR ADULTS?

See page 68
to see the full list of
courses available

	Adult Apprenticeship	Level 3	Access to Higher Education	Foundation Degree	Honours -Degree
Computing	●	●	●	●	●
Creative Design in Technology	●	●			
Interactive Media & Software		●		●	●
Networking, Forensics & Security		●		●	●

PASS THESE ▲ GUARANTEED
PROGRESSION

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Additional Entry Criteria may apply and subject to course choice being available.

I CHOSE BLACKBURN COLLEGE TO...

...PROGRESS MY CAREER!



Ryan Sharples

Adult Apprenticeship -
IT Application Specialists

"I initially came to an Open Evening for an Apprenticeship at Blackburn College. I spoke to a very helpful member of staff who told me about a job they had at CMS Group and I later got the job.

I now work as a Service Desk and Field Engineer providing first and second line support and on site engineering. Being able to learn at the same time as earning a wage is great. I'm loving my time at CMS group and I am progressing to study my CISCO and Microsoft qualifications – I am hoping to progress to become a Network Engineer or Field Service Engineer."

...GET ON THE CAREER LADDER



Chris Mulcahy

Interactive Media & Software
Development

Part-time carer and father of two Chris always wanted to go back to college, but didn't think it was possible.

"The College gave me advice about the loan and all the extra financial support available. It is rewarding to know that I'm making the right steps into a future career and I have not had to pay any up-front costs. In fact I was amazed at how much extra financial support I was entitled to. I'm hoping to go on to study at University Centre at Blackburn College to do Software Development and would love to go onto a career creating new games and software one day. I achieved 9 distinctions on my course last year and enjoy studying in a class with a mixture of ages. It's been a great experience for me."

...BOUNCE BACK FROM REDUNDANCY



Peter Dobson

BSc (Hons) Computing
(Software Development)

"When I was made redundant I began searching for a new job and found that all the ones I wanted to apply for required a degree. At first I was apprehensive about returning to education at my age but I need not have worried as the tutors were very supportive. I applied for the job as soon as I finished my degree and two weeks later I found out I had been given it. It's the best news. Not only do I have a degree under my belt, but it's helped me land my dream job. I would encourage anyone in my position, who was made redundant and didn't enjoy their job, to return back to education and change their lives forever. I am now working in a graduate job for Chubb Fire & Safety."

CAREERS

Just some of the careers that you can progress into from these courses include:

- ▶ Business Analyst
- ▶ Computer Games Developer
- ▶ Computer Games Tester
- ▶ Database Administrator
- ▶ Data Entry Clerk
- ▶ Digital Marketing Officer
- ▶ E-learning Developer
- ▶ Forensic Computer Analyst
- ▶ Helpdesk Professional
- ▶ IT Project Manager
- ▶ IT Security Coordinator
- ▶ IT Support Technician
- ▶ IT Trainer
- ▶ Network Engineer
- ▶ Network Manager
- ▶ Social Media Manager
- ▶ Software Developer
- ▶ Systems Analyst
- ▶ Technical Architect
- ▶ Web Content Manager
- ▶ Web Designer
- ▶ Web Developer
- ▶ Web Editor

187,000
additional jobs
forecast to be created
in the UK's IT Industry
by 2023

Source: <http://ccskills.org.uk> 20-3-15

Women consistently
achieve higher grades
than men in **IT-related subjects**,
BUT they fill just **16%** of IT &
Telecoms professional occupations!

Source: Women in IT Scorecard, 2014. E-Skills UK

1 in 20 UK workers
employed in IT & Telecoms

Source: Technology Insights, www.e-skills.com, 13-07-15

**DID YOU
KNOW?**

MEET YASMEEN WHO IS DELIGHTED SHE CHOSE BLACKBURN!

"After applying to different universities and being accepted it was time to choose one. I came to the Open Evening at Blackburn College and fell in love with the atmosphere here. Having been to many open events before there was no place friendlier or more welcoming than the University Centre.

The facilities were better than some places I had visited. There were fewer students which gives a better advantage to the students as this meant more one and one support, this is something which really captured me.

Life at University Centre at Blackburn College has given me the opportunity to be someone. Coming to Blackburn to further my education is the best decision I have made.

The University Centre has given me the opportunity to be someone and not just a number in a lecture room; I feel like my voice is heard and if something needs to be done I can make that happen, working with the University Centre. Class sizes are smaller unlike bigger institutions. This is better for one on one learning as there is more support given, feedback is given quicker for work and tutors are available to talk to you whenever you need."

Yasmeen Ilyas
FdSc Computing



FREE Careers Advice

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CONSTRUCTION

Building and construction students gain the best of both worlds. There's the opportunity to gain advanced technical knowledge in higher level programmes and professional and practical skills at lower levels. In some cases you are able to specialise in an area of interest. Maybe you already know that a project manager can make or break a construction project? Or maybe you already know that developing sustainably for future generations is your passion? Whatever route you want to take, our construction courses are varied and exciting.



WHY CHOOSE BLACKBURN COLLEGE & UNIVERSITY CENTRE?

GREAT FACILITIES

Study construction and you will spend some of your time in the **£7million Sir Bill Taylor Futures Centre** which opened in **September 2013**. Some of these facilities include:

- Environmental workshop
- Mechanical workshops
- Electrical labs
- Sustainable Mock Bungalow

We also have:

- Bricklaying Rooms
- Plumbing suites
- Carpentry and Joinery works



ENJOY COMPETITION SUCCESS

Our construction students frequently enjoy success in a range of competitions – and often beat off stiff competition from some of the North West's top Universities including Liverpool John Moores and the University of Salford.

See page 36 for our adult students' latest competition success!

THE BEST QUALIFICATIONS

Our Construction degrees are all approved by Lancaster University. This means you will graduate with a degree certificate from a UK Top 10 University. You can be sure that the Construction course you leave with will help you progress in work and life.

**Lancaster
University**



WHICH AREA SHOULD I CHOOSE?

► BRICKLAYING

Bricklayers build and repair walls, chimney stacks, tunnel linings and decorative stonework. They might also refurbish brickwork and masonry on restoration projects. If you enjoy doing practical things and you are interested in construction, this could be the perfect area for you.

► BUILDING SERVICES ENGINEERING

Building services engineers design, install and maintain the services that are needed to allow the building to do what it's designed to do. These services might include heating, lighting and power. Or even lifts and escalators, health and safety, acoustics and security. Courses in this area give you a firm grounding in this important area.

► BUILDING SURVEYING

If you want to advise clients about the design and construction of new buildings, or advise on the maintenance and repair of existing ones, building surveying could be for you. Your clients could range from home owners to large commercial and industrial companies. You should have good problem-solving skills, strong communication and presentation skills to flourish in this area.

► CARPENTRY & JOINERY

If you're interested in making and installing wooden fixtures and fittings, whether that be on construction sites, fitting out shops and bars or even building sets for film and TV, this could be a great area for you. You'll gain practical skills and enjoy working with your hands. If your dream is to work for yourself this area could be for you.

► ELECTRICAL

Our Advanced Apprenticeship in this area is ideal for those wishing to become electricians or move into electrical roles, following a thorough work-based route. You may also be interested in Electrical and Electronic Engineering programmes.

► FITTED INTERIORS

This Apprenticeship includes learning about the installation of kitchens, bathrooms and bedrooms; this is usually onsite at the customer's commercial or domestic premises. An Apprenticeship in Fitted Interiors will develop your employability skills and give you valuable experience of a variety of routine activities.

► CONSTRUCTION AND THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

This route is ideal if you want gain the general knowledge and basic skills in a wide range of industry areas. You will explore the built environment in terms of its economic, social and environmental impact on both individuals and communities. These courses help provide an understanding of how the Construction sector works from the inside out. You are able to move on to specialise at later levels.

► PLUMBING

If you want a varied job that makes good use of your practical skills and takes you out and about, this could be perfect for you. Plumbers fit, service and repair hot and cold water systems, and heating systems in homes and businesses. They also work with gas fires and cookers. You will need to be good at solving problems, have the ability to follow technical plans, and understand the importance of health and safety.

► PROJECT MANAGEMENT

If you are good at juggling several tasks at the same time, have excellent 'people' skills and can lead a team, this may be area for you. Project managers plan and organise resources and people to make sure projects finish on time, stay within budget and meet the requirements of the business. They work in all industries from construction to IT but in this area you'll specialise in construction.

► SUSTAINABLE DESIGN

Renewable energy? Flood risk? Waste and Recycling? Carbon Emissions? Carbon Footprint? Climate Change? Emission Management? If terms like these interest you and you're keen on construction – but with a focus on how we develop and design sustainable buildings and futures, then our Construction courses in these areas should excite you.

WHAT'S AVAILABLE FOR ADULTS?

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courses available

	Adult Apprenticeship	Level 3	Access to Higher Education	Foundation Entry	Higher National Certificate (HNCs)	Higher National Diploma (HNDs)	Honours Degree
Bricklaying	●	●					
Building Services Engineering		●					
Building Surveying				●			●
Carpentry & Joinery	●	●					
Construction (and the Built Environment)		●	●		●	●	●
Electrical	●	●					
Fitted Interiors	●						
Plumbing	●	●					
Project Management		●		●			●
Sustainable Design				●			●

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PROGRESSION

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I CHOSE BLACKBURN COLLEGE TO...

...CHANGE MY CAREER!



Peter McVeigh

BSc (Hons) Construction
(Sustainable Design)

Peter was faced with a very interesting choice at the end of his course – which job offer to accept!

"I chose this course in Blackburn because of the size of classes and the fact it's seminar-based rather than lecture-based. With smaller numbers, you can have more of an input and get that added extra help. And with the seminars, it means you can throw ideas around and develop them more rather than being talked at. It all relates to a job. I was offered jobs with both Galliford Try and Turner and Townsend but chose to accept the position of Operations and Maintenance Coordinator at Galliford Try. I will be on-site, overseeing budgets, the work schedule and liaising with the design teams."

...OPEN A BUSINESS!



Yvonne Latham

Adult Apprenticeship -
Plumbing

Burnley Mum of four Yvonne Latham thought she would struggle to make ends meet going back to study as an adult. But she managed to juggle work, family life and study to gain her plumbing qualifications.

She now works with her partner Derek in their building company and she is enjoying getting more involved with business.

"It's great that women are doing more traditional male-dominated jobs, and proving we're just as good as they are. Going back to College was easier than I thought and there are plenty of ways to get help with funding."

...BOUNCE BACK FROM REDUNDANCY!



Ruth Brown

BSc (Hons) Construction
(Sustainable Design)

Ruth gained a First Class Honours degree in Construction – despite suffering health problems during her course. She is now teaching Construction.

"I got my first job in the construction industry at 17 and although I had completed a HND, I didn't have the opportunity to go to university at 18 like most people do. I saw the recession and being made redundant as an opportunity to go back and get a degree. I'm so happy that I graduated with a first. It was hard going, especially as I was working part-time and getting through an illness but the tutors at Blackburn College were really supportive. Without them I wouldn't have been able to get to the end and finish the degree. Upon finishing I was offered employment teaching construction at a local College."

CAREERS

Just some of the careers that are available after completing courses in this area include:

- ▶ Architect
- ▶ Architectural Technician
- ▶ Bricklayer
- ▶ Building Control Officer
- ▶ Building Surveyor
- ▶ Building Technician
- ▶ Carpenter or Joiner
- ▶ Clerk of Works
- ▶ Commercial Energy Assessor
- ▶ Construction Contracts Manager
- ▶ Domestic Energy Assessor
- ▶ Electrician
- ▶ Estimator
- ▶ Facilities Manager
- ▶ Gas Service Technician
- ▶ Landscape Architect
- ▶ Painter and Decorator
- ▶ Planning and Development Surveyor
- ▶ Plasterer
- ▶ Plumber
- ▶ Project Manager
- ▶ Shopfitter
- ▶ Structural Engineer
- ▶ Technical Surveyor
- ▶ Thermal Insulation Engineer
- ▶ Town Planner
- ▶ Water Network Operative

4,790
construction jobs
expected in the
North West of
England every year
for the next five years

Source: www.citb.co.uk

**DID YOU
KNOW?**

MEET OUR CONSTRUCTION CHAMPIONS

Construction students at University Centre at Blackburn College are celebrating after gaining success in the Chartered Institute of Building (CIOB) North West Novus Student Challenge.

Their task, at Liverpool John Moore's University, was to provide low cost or zero cost temporary accommodation to people living rough on the streets. The team of Blackburn College Construction degree students identified empty council owned garages in the Blackburn area currently not in use. The team members were Gareth Thornton, (Captain), Anthony van Eijsden and Carl Mason.

Beating teams from Liverpool John Moore's University, University of Salford and University of Bolton in the challenge, the competition involved preparation of a 20 minute presentation, with supporting evidence.

The brief required preparation of design and specification proposals to meet building regulations and legal constraints, including issues such as energy compliance, provision of utilities and provision of sufficiently insulated materials.

The team also had to come up with sources of grant aid funding and approximate costs of construction and operation.

Plus, they had to figure out a construction programme of works for the refurbishment/alteration, and flag up anything else which may be relevant.

Gareth Thornton
Anthony van Eijsden
Carl Mason



CREATIVE ARTS

Studying creative arts is an unmissable chance to explore your creativity and experiment with different art forms. Whatever you're interested in— from textiles and fashion, to painting and interior design, we have the best selection of creative arts courses locally. Studying creative arts is fun but also allows you access to many local jobs. We have a strong track record of our creative arts students getting jobs in industries they love.



WHY CHOOSE BLACKBURN COLLEGE & UNIVERSITY CENTRE?

GREAT FACILITIES!

Just some of them include:

- Gallery spaces
- Design Studios
- Photography Studios
- Media Editing studio
- TV Studio
- Mock 'cinema'
- Sound and Radio production studios
- Print rooms
- Embroidery and Textiles suites



GREAT JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Studying Creative Arts will help give you real experience of professional working life. You'll create a portfolio of work, be encouraged to enter competitions, work on real company briefs and get studio experience. Many higher level degree students are able to enjoy access to the Ribble Valley's largest design agency, Workhouse Marketing or Darwen's TWP agency. You'll get to experience work in a professional design studio and marketing agency.



THE BEST QUALIFICATIONS

Our qualifications in this area are approved by big names. These include the University of the Arts, London and Lancaster University who are in the Top 10 of Universities in the UK. This means you can be sure the qualifications you leave with will be valuable to future employers and your career.

**Lancaster
University**

ual: university
of the arts
london

WHICH AREA SHOULD I CHOOSE?

► ILLUSTRATION & ANIMATION

If you're interested in everything from drawing characters and sketches, to learning how your favourite TV cartoons and films are made, then you'll find courses in this area of interest. You will use a wide range of techniques and media, ranging from traditional illustration and drawn animation to digital 3D character animation and motion graphics.

► INTERIOR DESIGN

If you're interested in how to lay out rooms, make the best use of spaces and budgets or learning to work with different materials, clients and specialist computer software, then Interior Design could be for you. You'll get to draw, work to real-life briefs and create a portfolio that will help you move into your first interior design job or get a higher paid role.

► FASHION

Fashion students design and create a range of clothing and garments – everything from dresses and shirts to belts and wallets. You'll learn how to draw fashion designs, cut and make garments and create patterns as well as learn how to sell your creations. You'll get to work on real projects, create your own fashion pieces and explore areas you are interested in.

► FINE ART

Fine Art students get to experiment with a whole host of different art forms – from painting to sculpture, performance art to installations! You'll be able to explore and develop your own style and your own favourite type of art. It may be that you want to sell your own art, exhibit your work, work in a gallery or museum; the options available to fine art students are vast.

► GRAPHIC DESIGN

Look around you – everything you see is likely to have been designed by someone. From the advertising you see on bus stops to the cereal box you open in the morning. Graphic designers help to communicate ideas and messages visually. If you want to work creating this type artwork, work in a graphic design studio or agency as well as with clients and businesses, this area is for you.

► MEDIA

Media students develop skills in areas such as planning, research, single-camera and multi-camera production, audio production for moving image, pre and post-production, scriptwriting, location and TV studio production, producing and directing. If you wish to create videos or work in film or TV studios then Media courses are for you.

► MUSIC

You can study music at Blackburn College if you are both interested in making your own music or in using technology to produce music. Music lets you be creative, gain qualifications and gain insight into a large industry that includes music promotion, becoming a session musician or work in the engineering side of music – in recording studios or music production.

► PHOTOGRAPHY

There has never been a better, or more challenging time, to study photography. You'll find our courses are modern, stimulating and challenging. Some of the career routes that photography students go on to include, archivists, art directors, curators, digital artists, exhibiting photographers, freelancers, picture researchers, printers, studio managers, videographers and more.

► TEXTILES

Studying textiles will help you develop your ability to transform initial ideas and concepts into innovative textile based pieces. You will develop an understanding of current trends, historical/contextual influences, 3D construction techniques, the creative process, surface manipulation, innovative approaches to drawing, digital and hand printing techniques.

► WANT TO EXPERIMENT WITH MORE THAN ONE OF THESE?

If you're interested in all of these but don't want to specialise just yet you might be interested in our UAL (University of the Arts, London) Foundation Art and Design or Media programme which will let you experiment with all of these art forms and help you decide which route you prefer.

WHAT'S AVAILABLE FOR ADULTS?

See page 68
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courses available

	Adult Apprenticeship	Level 3	Foundation Entry	Foundation Degree	Honours Degree	Shorter Courses
Illustration & Animation			●		●	
Interior Design		●		●	●	
Fashion		●				
Fine Art		●	●		●	●
Graphic Design		●	●	●	●	
Media		●				
Music		●				
Photography		●		●	●	●
Textiles	●	●		●	●	●

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I CHOSE BLACKBURN COLLEGE TO:

...CHANGE MY CAREER!



Safina Sajid

BA (Hons)
Fine Art (Integrated Media)

Safina was working as a driving instructor but did not enjoy her job. Her real passion lay in art and design.

"From my first step into Blackburn College I was welcomed in and have never looked back. It was the best thing I ever did and every week I waited with anticipation for my art class. I stand proudly today with a First Class Honours degree.

I am now a freelance artist and have travelled the world to exhibit my work. I have recently exhibited in Dubai. It is very different to being a Driving Instructor and I am doing something that I love."

...PROGRESS MY CAREER!



Michael Douglas

BA (Hons)
Illustration & Animation + PGCE

Michael had worked with some big names in animation but never got the qualification to back up his experience to help him progress in his career.

"Although I had a lot of industry work experience – I never actually got a qualification in animation so it made sense to return to Blackburn College, where my passion for art and animation started years ago.

I went on to take my PGCE (teacher training qualification) at the College because I was ready to pass on all of my industry knowledge. I am now working as a full-time animation lecturer."

...BOUNCE BACK FROM REDUNDANCY!



Jay Scott

BA (Hons)
Contemporary Fashion

Jay decided to come to Blackburn College after being made redundant from his job as a customer liaison officer.

"I knew I didn't want to do another office job. I wanted to learn how to make clothes, and thanks to the course I've enjoyed finding out about garment construction and digital print design.

I've been able to now set up my own business making costumes for drag artists as well as designing more conventional womenswear."

CAREERS

The number of creative arts jobs available is extensive. Here is a list of just some of the jobs that adults who have studied creative arts courses can move into.

- ▶ Animator
- ▶ CAD Technician
- ▶ Community Arts Worker
- ▶ Costume Designer
- ▶ Designer
- ▶ Dressmaker
- ▶ Exhibition Designer
- ▶ Fashion Designer
- ▶ Fine Artist
- ▶ Footwear Designer
- ▶ Graphic Designer
- ▶ Illustrator
- ▶ Interior Designer
- ▶ Museum Assistant
- ▶ Museum Curator
- ▶ Photographer
- ▶ Photographic Technician
- ▶ Product Designer
- ▶ Set Designer
- ▶ Signwriter
- ▶ Surface Pattern Designer
- ▶ Teacher (via Teacher Training Course)
- ▶ Textile Designer
- ▶ Visual Merchandiser
- ▶ Web Designer

There are **creative jobs** in traditional companies too: the 'creative economy' (creative industries jobs plus creative jobs in the wider economy) currently **tops 2.6 million!**

Source: <http://ccskills.org.uk> 20-3-15

DID YOU KNOW?

MEET KEVIN WHO RETURNED TO EDUCATION

Art lover Kevin cannot thank the financial team at Blackburn College enough for helping him take the next step towards his dream of working in an art department. Until Kevin had spoken to The Hub, he didn't think he could return to education. He was advised by the finance team on how the Advanced Learning Loan would help towards his tuition, as well as how he wouldn't have to pay it back until he earned over £21,000 a year.

"Without the financial support given by College, I wouldn't have been able to start the course. As things are tight at home, Blackburn College made me realise that a new career was possible, and the advice and guidance given by the College was really helpful."

Kevin Johnson
BA (Hons) Fine Art (Integrated Media)



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EDUCATION, COACHING & TEACHING

How do people learn best? How do I bring the best out in people? How do I get qualified to become teacher? How do I get a job in a school or college? If these are questions you have asked yourself, or questions you want to know the answer to, then courses in this area should be of interest to you. Education is an important field of study in its own right. It is central to government policy and affects us all, whether we are students, teaching assistants, teachers, policy-makers, employers or parents. We offer courses at a range of levels and in a range of areas to suit your career aspirations.



WHY CHOOSE BLACKBURN COLLEGE & UNIVERSITY CENTRE?

STRONG TRACK RECORD FOR CAREER CHANGERS

Every year we welcome a large number of students onto Education programmes who wish to re-train as teachers. Teaching is often a popular route for adult learners after a gap in study – and teachers with previous work experience are in demand! Read about Danny Byrne on page 46. Danny is part of a growing number of students returning to education and securing jobs in teaching.



GUARANTEED INTERVIEWS

If you study our Foundation Degree in Teaching & Learning Support (Primary) you are guaranteed an interview on a Teacher Training programme at the University of Cumbria. This is a popular route for our graduates and for Teaching Assistants who wish to gain a qualification for their current work and move into qualified teacher roles.

University of
Cumbria 

BE PART OF A WIDER COMMUNITY

Our Initial Teacher Training qualifications are approved by the University of Central Lancashire (UCLan). These include short courses and full teaching qualifications. Studying these courses will also allow you access to all of the facilities on UCLan's Preston Campus including additional resources and libraries. You will be part of a large number of trainee teachers across Lancashire and beyond. See page 46.

uclan
University of Central Lancashire

For more information: Call The Hub on 01254 29 29 29 or to apply now visit blackburn.ac.uk

WHICH AREA SHOULD I CHOOSE?

► COACHING & MENTORING

In this area you will explore Coaching and Mentoring in a variety of settings to help clients and organisations achieve their goals, maximise potential, and overcome obstacles. You will facilitate change in individuals, groups and organisations following the application of established coaching and mentoring models. These courses are ideal if you want to move into private practice areas of coaching including Organisational Coaching, Life Coaching or Health Coaching, for example. Courses in this area are approved by Lancaster University.

► EDUCATION STUDIES

If you are interested in education as a subject, but don't necessarily want to work on the frontline as a teacher these courses are ideal for you. Currently, only half of people working in the education sector are teachers, with the other half working as education professionals. These courses look at education models and theories amongst other topics. Many students progress to complete PGCEs.

► SUPPORTING TEACHING & LEARNING

If you're already working as a Teaching Assistant but wish to gain a qualification and promotion or wish to move into teaching via a practical teaching assistant route, we offer qualifications across a range of levels in this area. You'll gain practical skills, take part in work-placements and experience the life a teaching assistant first hand. You can progress into teacher training routes in the later stages of some of the higher level qualifications we offer in this area.

► INITIAL TEACHER TRAINING

We offer a range of courses for those who wish to teach adults aged 16+. These include shorter qualifications such as the Certificate in Education & Training, Preparatory and the Certificate in Education & Training, Introductory. We also offer a full PGCE/Certificate in Education & Training for those who wish to become fully qualified teachers. See page 46.

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WHAT'S AVAILABLE FOR ADULTS?

	Adult Apprenticeship	Level 3	Access to Higher Education	Foundation Degree	Honours Degree
Coaching & Mentoring				●	●
Education Studies			●		●
Supporting Teaching & Learning	●	●	●	●	●

PASS THESE ▲ GUARANTEED PROGRESSION

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6155 jobs
in Schools

355 jobs
in Universities &
Higher Education

354 jobs in Further
Education and Colleges

All available now on
jobs.theguardian.co.uk

Source: jobs.theguardian.com/, 8-07-15

DID YOU
KNOW?

MEET JANE

Jane was already working in a mentoring and counselling role for Blackburn with Darwen Council when she undertook her degree and since then she has set up Blackburn Youth Zone's Mentoring Scheme which she now leads.

"For me doing my degree was about getting a qualification to back up what I knew and did already. It was my way of acknowledging what I knew was right even though I was already putting it into practice. It was also about providing good practice and seeking promotion. It was intensive and tough juggling a full-time job and my family but I was allowed one day off a week for my course and it worked for me."

Jane Partington | BA (Hons) Coaching & Mentoring



ENGINEERING & MOTOR VEHICLE

Modern engineering covers a wide range of disciplines – anything from rockets to robotics and even hip replacements! Engineering is not just about 'fixing things' or greasy overalls - it is about understanding how, and why things work and creating innovative solutions to modern everyday problems. Engineers are involved in all aspects of designing, building and testing new technologies and products. Creativity and problem solving are at the heart of every engineering industry and we offer a range of courses at different levels to help you start a new career or progress in your current one.



WHY CHOOSE BLACKBURN COLLEGE & UNIVERSITY CENTRE?

EXCELLENT FACILITIES

Study Engineering and you will spend some of your time in the £7million Sir Bill Taylor Futures Centre which opened in September 2013. Some of these facilities include:

- Environmental workshops
- Mechanical workshops
- Electrical labs
- Sustainable Mock Bungalow

Motor Vehicle students enjoy a brand new £5.5million Regional Automotive Technology Hub (RATH) with specialist workshops and a real life MOT lane.



HIGH SALARIES & IN-DEMAND GRADUATES

Engineering students secure some of the highest paid graduate vacancies. In the Destinations of Higher Educations Leavers survey in 2013 and 2014 our Electrical Engineers enjoyed an average graduate starting salary of £28,000 per year. There is a shortage of Engineering graduates. Our graduates are in demand and often secure jobs before they have even completed their degree course. Recent graduates have secured high level graduate positions with British Aerospace Engineering (BAE), United Utilities and Energy North West.

THE BEST QUALIFICATIONS

Our Engineering degrees are all approved by Lancaster University. This means you will graduate with a degree certificate from a UK Top 10 University. You can be sure that the Engineering course you leave with will help you progress in work and life.



WHICH AREA SHOULD I CHOOSE?

▶ AUTOMOTIVE ENGINEERING

Automotive Engineers are involved in the design, manufacture and operation of ground-based vehicles, such as motorcycles, cars, buses and trucks and their respective engineering subsystems. Students in this area are intended to go on to work in Engineering areas such as: Design, Research and Development, Production and on to Honours level study.

▶ ELECTRICAL & ELECTRONICS ENGINEERING

Electrical power and systems are at the heart of modern society – and so too are electrical and electronics engineers. Engineers specialising in this area have transformed the world we live in with technologies such as electric power systems, TVs, radio and medical imaging to name just some. Electrical Engineers are in demand and go on to gain high level jobs and salaries.

▶ MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

If you're interested in how things move and wish to gain a deeper understanding of computer applications, electricity, structures, mathematics, physics and much more, then Mechanical Engineering could be for you. You'll find a course in this area helps you move into a range of industries including Aerospace, Power, Utilities, Construction and more.

▶ ROBOTICS & MECHATRONICS

Industry experts suggest that the surge in innovation is just beginning and the robotics industry will be one of the fastest-growing enterprises within the next decade. Our Robotics & Mechatronic courses combines Robotics with Mechanical Engineering and Electrical Engineering to equip you with a high level qualification suited to the needs of employers in the North West.

▶ MOTOR VEHICLE

With our brand new £5.5million Regional Automotive Technology Hub on site at Blackburn College, some of our Motor Vehicle facilities are unrivalled. From Apprenticeships in Light Vehicle Maintenance and Auto Electrical, as well as vocational courses a range of options are available to enable adults to retrain as mechanics and move into the Automotive Industry. You can progress onto HND Automotive Engineering at higher levels.

▶ NOT GOT WHAT YOU'RE LOOKING FOR?

In our Honours degree qualifications you will be able to choose specific clusters of modules to develop specialist interests to suit your own career aspirations. We have developed a range of specialisms including Management routes, Environmental Technology routes, Advanced Manufacturing and Engineering Design specialisms.

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WHAT'S AVAILABLE FOR ADULTS?

	Adult Apprenticeship	Level 3	Foundation Entry	Higher National Certificate (HNCs)	Higher National Diploma (HNDs)	Honours Degree
Automotive Engineering	●			●	●	
Electrical & Electronic Engineering	●	●	●	●	●	●
Mechanical Engineering	●	●	●	●	●	●
Motor Vehicle	●	●				
Robotics & Mechatronics			●			●

PASS THESE ▲ GUARANTEED PROGRESSION

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I CHOSE BLACKBURN COLLEGE TO...

...PROGRESS MY CAREER!



Brian Johnson
BEng (Hons) Mechanical Engineering

Brian chose to enrol on a Mechanical Engineering degree to progress his career.

"The course is approved by Lancaster University who are in the Top 10 of Universities in the UK but I live in Blackburn and haven't had to move away. Plus, it's cheaper than going to Lancaster to gain my degree. I've had a fantastic time during my course and have even built a wind tunnel. I never thought I would be even able to enter the degree, let alone start and be successful at it. The work I am doing is already helping in my current role and I'm looking forward to moving on to higher paid positions."

...BECOME A CHARTERED ENGINEER!



Zakir Hasan
BEng (Hons) Mechanical Engineering

Before the course Zak studied on a Level 3 Engineering at Blackburn College. He went on to a different University but didn't like it and found the huge class sizes much harder. After a gap in study, he came back to Blackburn because he really enjoyed the previous course and the teachers were great. He now has a job at Chorley Engineering company, NIS Ltd.

"The best thing about Blackburn College was the one to one support and small class sizes. Staff always had time for us. I've now got a job as a Graduate Electrical Engineer in the design team at NIS Ltd in Chorley. It's my dream job and the company are soon bringing in a programme which will support me to become a Chartered Engineer, that's my main focus at the moment."

...SECURE A GRADUATE CAREER!



Alex Tyrrell
BEng (Hons) Mechanical Engineering

Alex secured a coveted place on a graduate scheme with EDF Energy.

"It was a brilliant course at University Centre at Blackburn College as it was very hands on and there was a lot of practical experience. While the University Centre might not be as big as other Universities, they also have some of the best facilities. When it came to my interview, I had built an electric car as part of my project. A lot of the candidates had done computer-based simulation work but, because I had actually built something, I think it helped me stand out."

CAREERS

- Just some of the careers in Engineering include:
- Aerospace Engineer
 - Agricultural Engineer
 - Auto Electrician
 - Automotive Engineer
 - Broadcast Engineer
 - CAD Technician
 - CNC Machinist
 - Design Engineer
 - Electrical Engineer
 - Energy Engineer
 - Mechanical Engineer
 - Medical Equipment Engineer
 - Motorsport Engineer
 - Nuclear Engineer
 - Product Designer
 - Production Manager
 - Offshore Engineer
 - Telecommunications Technician

DID YOU KNOW?

The UK Advanced Manufacturing and Engineering sector consists of **138,000 companies** and a 1.66 million-strong workforce that includes aerospace, automotive, composites, electrical, electronics, marine, mechanical, metals, renewables, rail and space sectors
Source: www.semta.co.uk

£44,176 – the average salary of a qualified Mechanical Engineer
Source: www.bbc.co.uk - Vicar or publican - which jobs make you happy?

The North West generates **£9billion** of the total of the UK Automotive Manufacturing economy!
Source: www.semta.co.uk

WANT TO TEACH?

Did you know there is a shortage of lecturers and teachers of Engineering and other science related subjects such as construction and computing? Why not make now your time to retrain as a teacher like Danny Byrne below?

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courses available

UNDERTAKE YOUR PLACEMENT AT BLACKBURN COLLEGE!

If you want to start a Postgraduate Certificate in Education (PGCE) or Certificate in Education this September we have placements available at Blackburn College. In particular, we are interested in receiving applications for Teacher Training courses in the following areas:

- ▶ Automotive Engineering
- ▶ Construction
- ▶ Computing
- ▶ Engineering



MEET DANNY

Danny called time on his pub career to take a big step into a sports and teaching career. Danny undertook a Foundation Degree, Honours degree and PGCE at University Centre at Blackburn College and is now teaching on the practical elements of the Sports programmes.

"I used to run a series of pubs but, with the recession, it took an unfortunate turn. I decided I needed a change of career and that's why I went back into education. I always had an interest in sport so I decided to study a degree. I thoroughly enjoyed the course which included sports development, the policies of sport and analysis of a variety of different sports. It was hard work juggling family life and having four years of intense study but it has been worth it and I would recommend going back to education for anyone."

Danny Byrne
PGCE



INITIAL TEACHER TRAINING

We offer a range of qualifications to enable you to move into teaching adults or students aged 16+

Certificate in Education & Training, Preparatory

This short course, approved by the University of Central Lancashire (UCLan) is designed to provide a basic introduction to teaching or training adults aged 16+. The course was formerly known as the PTLLS qualification (Preparing to Teach in the Life Long Learning sector). The course lasts for 12 weeks and is designed to give you a taster of what teaching is like and prepare you to teach. It introduces you to how to plan and deliver sessions, theories of learning, assessment strategies, working with individuals and groups and many aspects of teaching students aged 16+.

Certificate in Education & Training, Introductory

This part-time course, up to 24 weeks in duration, is approved by the University of Central Lancashire (UCLan) and is designed to provide a comprehensive introduction to the teaching or training of students aged 16+. The course was formerly known as the CTLLS qualification (Certificate to Teach in the Life Long Learning sector) but has been redesigned to include themes around employability and preparing you for your new career in education. This course can be used as an extension to the Preparatory Certificate in Education and Training or as an award in its own right.

PGCE (Postgraduate Certificate in Education) / Certificate in Education

This course is for those who wish to study full-time or part-time to become fully qualified to teach students aged 16 and over and receive the award of either a Postgraduate Certificate in Education (PGCE) or a Certificate in Education. The PGCE diploma is awarded if you are entering the course with at least an Honours degree, the Certification in Education is awarded if you are entering with another form of qualification such as a Level 3 qualification where you wish to teach in a vocational area. The course is approved by the University of Central Lancashire (UCLan) and has run for a number of years.

HAIR & BEAUTY

Hair and Beauty is one of the most popular areas that adults choose to study at Blackburn College. We have specialists in Hairdressing, Barbering, Beauty Therapy and more. The study of Holistics and Complementary (or Alternative) Therapies is also a popular and growing area for adults choosing to study in Blackburn. These are practical, dynamic and exciting courses that our students find rewarding - both during their studies and when they secure their dream jobs afterwards!



WHY CHOOSE BLACKBURN COLLEGE & UNIVERSITY CENTRE?

EXCELLENT FACILITIES

Hair, Beauty and Wellbeing students have access to a large number salons including: five hairdressing salons, spa, specialist barbering salon, nail room, beauty therapy rooms and media make up studios.



A RANGE OF UNIVERSITY OPPORTUNITIES

You can progress into FdSc Complementary Therapies, approved by the University of Cumbria. Many students progress on to FdA Retail Management approved by Lancaster University to further their careers specialising in the retail and management areas of spas, barbering, hairdressing and beauty salons.



...GET BACK INTO WORK!



Leanne Hogan
Beauty Therapy

Stay at home Mum Leanne was looking to do something for herself to help her build her confidence outside of her family environment.

"The College has really helped me a lot; the staff are extremely friendly and make me enjoy coming to College. My classmates are from a mixed age group and I like that because it's easy to make friends and have a laugh with them. I hope to progress to the University Centre to study Complementary Therapy after I finish my course, and plan to work in a salon to gain valuable work experience which will lead to better job opportunities in the future. My career aim is to own my own salon one day!"

...GAIN A QUALIFICATION!



Janine Hilton
Hairdressing

Janine came to College to gain a qualification for the work that she was already doing. She was thrilled that she had to pay nothing for her course upfront and was able to access loans and grants.

"Before coming to College I was working at a small salon for a long time. I didn't want to be a hairdresser at first but now I've learned the theory behind it I enjoy it more- the course has really helped with that and also to improve my cutting skills."

"There's no way I could have done this without the loan. Before the course I was nervous about getting on with all the girls, but everyone is so lovely and the tutors are very supportive."

WHICH AREA SHOULD I CHOOSE?

► BARBERING

Did you know that men have given the UK's hair and beauty industry a boost this year? Nine in ten salons reported an increase in takings from men in 2014/15, according to an industry report by Salon Services, which surveyed more than 2,500 salon owners and employees. If you wish to specialise in men's treatments, then our courses in Barbering will let you move into this area. After a Level 3 qualification we also offer a Foundation Degree in Retail Management.*

► BEAUTY

If you wish to work in the Beauty industry, or simply have a passion for make-up, health or beauty we have a range of Levels available to enable you to retrain. After a Level 3 qualification we also offer a Foundation Degree in Retail Management* in which you will be able to learn the business side to running a beauty salon, spa or small businesses and undertake specialist placements in your area of specialism.

► HAIRDRESSING

If you're wishing to open your own Salon or wish to gain qualifications in Hairdressing we have a range of Levels available to enable you to retrain. After a Level 3 qualification we also offer a Foundation Degree in Retail Management* in which you will be able to learn the business side to running salons and small businesses and undertake specialist Hairdressing placements.

► HOLISTICS & THERAPY

Our range of Holistics, Complementary Therapy and well-being qualifications enable you to specialise and hone your skills in this growing area. You will cover topics such as massage, reflexology and aromatherapy and human biology at higher levels. These qualifications all prepare you for professional practice in a range of settings including spas, gyms and private clinics.

► MEDIA MAKEUP

Make-up artists are essential members of any TV, film, theatre or fashion crew. It is up to them to make models or actors 'look' the part they are playing. If you're interested in make up for fashion, theatrical or special effects purposes than these courses are for you. Many students who complete these courses go onto work in that area, whether it be fashion make-up and styling, film and television make-up, special effects make up or retail.

The sector boasts a workforce of **over 245,000** people working across **55,000 businesses** comprising of hair, beauty and nail salons, barbers and spas.

Source: www.habia.org

UK Beauty Industry forecast to grow **16%** by 2016

Source: <http://raconteur.net/lifestyle/business-face-of-uk-beauty>

Did you know the hair and beauty sector has a turnover of **£6.2 billion** a year?

Source: www.habia.org

DID YOU KNOW?

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WHAT'S AVAILABLE FOR ADULTS?

	Adult Apprenticeship	Level 1 & 2	Level 3	Foundation Degree	Honours Degree
Barbering	●	●	●	● *	● *
Beauty & Nails	●	●	●	● *	● *
Hairdressing	●	●	●	● *	● *
Holistics & Therapy			●	●	●
Media Make-up	●		●		

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*Progression on to Retail Management degree programmes.

HEALTH, SOCIAL CARE & COUNSELLING

For a health, social care or counselling career you must be a real 'people person' and have caring for others as a priority. It's hard to think of times when Health and Social care doesn't impact on our lives – from work with the elderly, young people, people with learning disabilities or within the NHS, healthcare practitioners, carers and counsellors work in all sectors of society. Qualifications in this area can help you change your career, progress your career or gain a qualification in one of the most rewarding industries to work in.



WHY CHOOSE BLACKBURN COLLEGE & UNIVERSITY CENTRE?

SMALL CLASSES AND A RANGE OF COURSES

When you choose Health, Social Care and Counselling you'll work in small class sizes, typically of no more than 20 people, which will help you share experiences, bounce around ideas and learn from each other. Our small class sizes will help you conduct group work – and work together in a team – just like you'll need to do in a real-life setting.

Various options are available to you including Level 3 courses, Foundation Entry Degrees, Foundation Degrees and Honours degrees.



A MIXED AND EXPERIENCED TEACHING TEAM

You'll be taught by a mix of industry professionals including qualified counsellors, Healthcare professionals, Health Trainers and leading practitioners as well as full-time experienced teachers. A range of leading visiting lecturers often contribute to the programmes and many students complete work placements or work-based learning throughout their courses.

THE BEST QUALIFICATIONS

All our Health, Social Care and Counselling degrees are approved by Lancaster University. This means you will graduate with a degree certificate from a UK Top 10 University. You can be sure you will graduate with a leading degree.



For more information: Call The Hub on 01254 29 29 29 or to apply now visit blackburn.ac.uk

WHICH AREA SHOULD I CHOOSE?

► BIOSCIENCES

Our Access to Higher Education Diploma in Biosciences allows progression to a range of Universities. It is excellent preparation for people who wish to study subjects such as Dietetics, Occupational Therapy, Physiotherapy and Radiography at University. It does not allow access to Medicine degrees.

► CLINICAL HEALTHCARE SUPPORT

These apprenticeships provide the skills and knowledge required to become competent in supporting health professional (eg doctors, nurses, allied health professionals, health care scientists and paramedics) to provide clinical healthcare. You will get to work alongside health professionals providing patient care in a range of settings. Employers have endorsed the programme as it gives a broad based training in the skills required in this interesting occupational area.

► COUNSELLING

Counselling can help us cope with the stresses and strains of life, from everyday worries to serious mental health issues like chronic anxiety and depression, relationship problems, physical illness and trauma such as bereavement. Our Counselling courses help you build up professional practice and at Honours level enable you to work independently as a qualified counsellor in a range of settings.

► HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE

This is an exciting time for students wishing to study Health and Social Care. Healthcare in the UK is changing more rapidly than almost any other field. It's changing in terms of how and where care is delivered, who is providing those services, and how that care is financed. There are currently over 13,000 live job vacancies within the NHS alone. These vacancies range from nurses and doctors to specialist care and a huge range of auxiliary and business support staff where a knowledge of the healthcare sector is a great advantage.

► MIDWIFERY

The Access to Higher Education Diploma (Midwifery) provides excellent preparation for people who wish to study Midwifery at University level and to qualify as a Midwife. This course is especially designed for mature students who do not currently have the necessary academic qualifications to apply for University level study.

► NURSING

Our Access to Higher Education Diplomas in Healthcare (Nursing) provides excellent preparation for people who wish to study nursing related courses at University level. Adult nurses care for people with a wide variety of illnesses or conditions. Paediatric nurses care for children, from newborn babies right through to teenagers. This course provides preparation for these areas, as well as Mental Health, at University level.

► PSYCHOLOGY (COUNSELLING & HEALTH)

If you're interested in how people think, why people behave in the way that they do, or how our health affects the way we think and act, then our Applied Psychology degree could be for you. You'll be encouraged to specialise in the later stages of the course into areas that interest you for your own research. You will study all the major aspects of Psychology but will focus in particular on the areas of Counselling and Health.

► SOCIAL CARE

Care and support services, also known as social care services, help people who are in need of practical support due to illness, disability, age, low income and more. Students in this area are interested in supporting people, helping people and enabling people to live fulfilling lives. From work in the Children's sector, or work with the elderly and dementia care, this a varied and growing sector.

WHAT'S AVAILABLE FOR ADULTS?

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	Adult Apprenticeship	Level 3	Access to Higher Education	Foundation Entry	Higher National Diploma (HNDs)	Foundation Degree	Honours Degree
Biosciences			●				
Clinical Healthcare Support	●	●					
Counselling						●	●
Health & Social Care	●	●			●		
Midwifery			●				
Nursing			●				
Social Care	●		●			●	●
Psychology (Counselling & Health)				●			●

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I CHOSE BLACKBURN COLLEGE TO:



...CHANGE MY CAREER!

Ross Westwell
Health and Social Care

24 year old Ross chose to enrol on a starter qualification in Health and Social Care to change his career.

"I was working full-time in Rossendale so needed courses that could fit around my work schedule to enable me to retrain. The course timetable has been great for me. Most of the work is done in the class so it is perfectly manageable and the teaching staff have been friendly and supportive. I am now working towards becoming a Drug Support Worker which is a complete change in career."

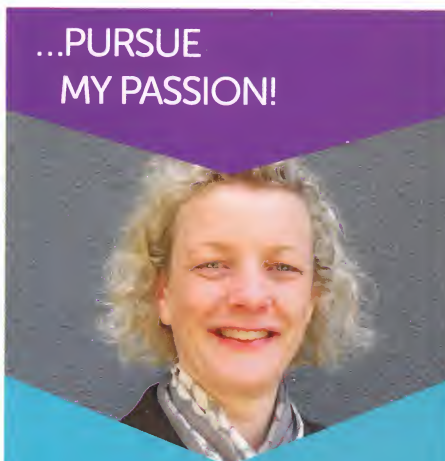


...GAIN A PROMOTION!

Sheena Cunningham
BA (Hons) Social Care

Sheena has three sons who at the time she graduated were 12 weeks, 14 months and 5 years old. She decided to return to education to help cement her working knowledge of the care home industry.

"It has been a very hectic and chaotic three years but I wouldn't have changed it for the world. From the very first lesson I made a conscious decision to dedicate myself to the degree and, as a result, I have been rewarded. It was sometimes difficult juggling my family, being pregnant and working, but I've made it through. Having the degree has meant I've been able to progress up the ladder and become a Care Co-ordinator at a residential care home and that's all thanks to University Centre at Blackburn College."



...PURSUE MY PASSION!

Audrey Spencer
BSc (Hons) Applied Psychology (Counselling & Health)

Audrey decided to start her degree course in Applied Psychology (Counselling & Health) whilst working in a catering role. She has since discovered a new passion for research and academic study.

"I have always been interested in health and eating habits and I decided to pursue my passion by enrolling on the degree. At the end of the degree I was selected to present my final research at the British Psychological Society Conference in Birmingham. It was full of paid researchers for big companies or people studying for PhDs so it's a huge achievement for me to be alongside them. I had the chance to talk to likeminded people about my work who may want to use parts of it for their studies."

CAREER

Here are just some of the careers available in Health, Social Care and Counselling:

- ▶ Adult Nurse
- ▶ Ambulance Paramedic
- ▶ Audiologist
- ▶ Care Assistant
- ▶ Children's Nurse
- ▶ Dietitian
- ▶ Emergency Care Assistant
- ▶ Healthcare Assistant
- ▶ Health Promoter
- ▶ Health Service Manager
- ▶ Health Trainer
- ▶ Health Visitor
- ▶ Learning Disability Nurse
- ▶ Maternity Support Worker
- ▶ Mental Health Nurse
- ▶ Midwife
- ▶ Nutritionist
- ▶ Occupational Health Nurse
- ▶ Occupational Therapist
- ▶ Operating Department Practitioner
- ▶ Palliative Care Assistant
- ▶ Patient Advice Officer
- ▶ Radiographer
- ▶ Sexual Health Adviser
- ▶ Support Worker

There are currently
12,781 live jobs
available in the NHS!

Source: www.jobs.nhs.uk, 8-07-15.

Therapy and Counselling Professions are in the
Top 20 of UK's most satisfied workers

Source: www.bbc.co.uk - Vicar or publican - which jobs make you happy?

The UK health sector has **grown 23%** by
since 2003 and now employs **172,000**.

Source: www.careerpoint-gm.co.uk

**DID YOU
KNOW?**

MEET SHARON AND ALISON WHO STARTED THEIR BUSINESS

When Alison Cockerill met Sharon Robinson at University Centre at Blackburn College for the first time, she knew instantly they were destined to work together. Now a year on, the two kindred spirits have opened their first new alternative healthcare shop, called Spiritual Emporium, in Blackburn – a first for the town.

Customers can also take advantage of various alternative health therapies, such as Swedish massage, Holistic massage, Aromatherapy massage, Hot Stones massage, Reiki, Indian Head massage and Reflexology.

Alison says the venture is 'the fulfilment of a lifetime's ambition' and she puts her newly-discovered entrepreneurial spirit down to her time at University Centre at Blackburn College.

She said: "For years I have always wanted to do this. It wasn't until I met Sharon and started my degree that I realised someone else shared my dream and we could team up to move it on and make it happen. I've received a lot of support from the University Centre at Blackburn College. There's nothing like our shop in the local area – we spotted a niche and went for it."

Business Partner Sharon said: "From meeting each other we knew we were going to work together. The degrees for us have been absolutely fantastic – it's given us insights into customers, running a business, anatomy, physiology and more."

**Alison Cockerill &
Sharon Robinson**

Managing Directors of Spiritual Emporium



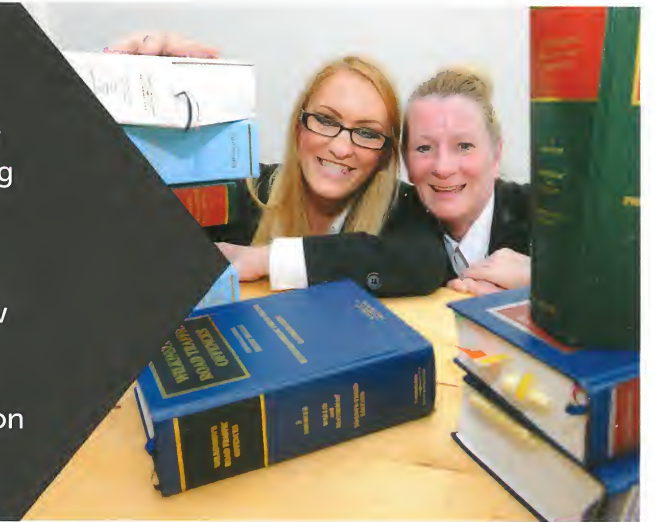
FREE Careers Advice

Why not have a free one to one career discussion, call The Hub on 01254 292926



LAW & JUSTICE

Law and Justice courses have always been among the most sought-after and widely respected courses to study at University. For many, a Law course is the first step along the path to a career in the legal sector, often followed by the further study and training needed to become a practicing solicitor or barrister. However, this is certainly not the only reason to study Law at degree level. Our Law and Criminology courses are notoriously challenging, and for many students, the attraction lies in the unique combination of human interest and intellectual stimulation provided.



WHY CHOOSE BLACKBURN COLLEGE & UNIVERSITY CENTRE?

PLACEMENTS AND GUEST SPEAKERS

Our Criminology students enjoy a range of interesting placements and volunteering opportunities whilst those choosing Law enjoy range of guest speakers including the Community Cohesion Team from Lancashire Police, mock trials, mooting experience, simulated Employment Tribunals and a close partnership with Blackburn legal firm, Forbes Solicitors.



A DIVERSE TEACHING TEAM

Our academics in the area of Law and Justice are made up of diverse teaching teams consisting of a mix of dedicated teaching staff, academics and practicing legal professionals with their own law firms. The teams include practicing solicitors, Police Crime Scene Investigators, Probation Officers as well as full-time teachers with a range of specialisms.

A QUALIFYING DEGREE

Our LLB (Hons) Law is a qualifying Law degree. Very few Colleges offer qualifying Law degrees – this means you will be able to move directly onto a Legal Practice course upon successful completion of your Law degree with no additional period of study. You will be taught purely in University Centre at Blackburn College throughout your course. You should beware of courses at other institutions where only the first year of your course is taught at the institution you apply to.

Law Degrees are approved by the University of South Wales. Our Criminology degrees are approved by Lancaster University.



WHICH AREA SHOULD I CHOOSE?

► BUSINESS WITH LAW

If you are not sure if you wish to study Law on its own just yet, then at lower levels you can combine Law with Business and move into either Law or Business areas at the end of your course. These vocational qualifications are only assessed by coursework, presentations, group activities and enable you to progress to a range of Universities as well as University Centre at Blackburn College.

► CRIMINOLOGY

Have you ever thought why different people commit different crimes? Wondered why victims react differently? Or thought about what crime is and what type of person commits it? If so, then studying one of our Criminology courses could be for you. You'll find the subject interesting, varied and challenging and that it will open up routes into many different roles – from work in the justice sector, to youth offending, victim support, the Police and more.



▲ Our Law degree students enjoying the annual Law Society Ball.

► PARALEGAL STUDIES

Not everyone who is interested in Law wants to be a solicitor or barrister. If this sounds like you, you may be interested in Paralegal Studies. Generally, paralegals specialise in one area of the law, carrying out a range of legal work. They are not qualified solicitors, though they can do a lot of the work that a solicitor does. This can range from administrative and legal secretarial tasks to research and provision of legal information to clients. You can move to Honours level upon successful completion of your Foundation Degree.

► LAW

Law is an intellectually challenging subject where you can develop a range of skills and explore many aspects of human life. You don't have to become a lawyer just because you've done a Law degree. A course in this area will give you the skills to be a successful lawyer, but also a successful Politician, manager, Journalist, marketer, Police Officer or almost any other profession that requires you to think intellectually as well as develop a balanced view of the world around you.

WHAT'S AVAILABLE FOR ADULTS?

See page 70 to see the full list of courses available

	Level 3	Access to Higher Education	Foundation Degree	Honours Degree	Master's Degree
Business with Law	●	●			
Criminology		●	●	●	
Paralegal Studies			●		
Law				●	●

PASS THESE

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GUARANTEED PROGRESSION

If you successfully complete your Level 3 course you are guaranteed a place at University Centre at Blackburn College.

Additional Entry Criteria may apply and subject to course choice being available.

I CHOSE BLACKBURN COLLEGE TO...

...CHANGE MY CAREER!

Helen Wright
BA (Hons) Criminology

Helen's degree in Criminology has enabled her to gain a new job. She has set up a crisis drop-in centre after her course opened her eyes. Thanks to her degree in Criminology she is now helping others get their lives back on track.

"I used to be one of those people who would sit behind a television screen saying 'Why has he only got community service?' My course at UCBC really helped me understand why people commit offences. I have always been a people person, so I have started to help them by opening up a drop-in centre. It's all hopefully led up to a full-time job and my work is now recognised by the Greater Manchester Probation Service."

...FOLLOW IN MY MUM'S FOOTSTEPS!

Alison Ashworth
LLB (Hons) Law

Alison enrolled on a Law degree and, even though she had a baby during her course, graduated with a First Class Honours degree. She's now a fully qualified solicitor.

"I left school at 18 and at that time didn't fancy University. When I decided I was ready, I wanted a real challenge and I knew a law course would give me that. My mum's a solicitor and wanted to follow in her footsteps. She also studied at Blackburn and told me what an amazing time she'd had there. It seemed an obvious choice.

I can't praise the lecturers enough. They have been fantastic and I really couldn't have achieved a First Class Honours without them. I moved on to a Legal Practice Course at the College of Law in Manchester and soon got my first full-time Solicitors job – I wouldn't have been able to do it without University Centre at Blackburn College."

...CHANGE MY CAREER!

Tracey Rigg
BA (Hons) Criminology

Tracey has managed to secure a job as a full-time Probation Officer after returning to education. Her commitment and her qualification helped her beat off 100s of other candidates in the interview to secure her dream job.

"I'd recently had a baby and found returning to work difficult without any recent academic experience. I enrolled first on the Access course before moving to the University Centre to study a three year Criminology degree. I achieved an A* in GCSE English along the way. The tutors have been so supportive, particularly as I am a mature student and had other issues I had to deal with. I can honestly say that all the deadlines, all the assignments have been worth it."

WHY BLACKBURN COLLEGE...

OFFICIALLY RECOGNISED FOR:

- ✓ Student Employability
- ✓ Working with Employers
- ✓ Employer Focused Curriculum

CAREERS

Just some of the Careers that people in this sector can move into include:

- ▶ Barrister
- ▶ Court Administrative Officer
- ▶ Court Legal Adviser
- ▶ Equalities Officer
- ▶ Family Mediator
- ▶ Immigration Adviser (non-government)
- ▶ Legal Executive
- ▶ Legal Secretary
- ▶ Licensed Conveyancer
- ▶ Paralegal
- ▶ Probation Officer
- ▶ Probation Services Officer
- ▶ Solicitor
- ▶ Trading Standards Officer
- ▶ Victim Care Officer
- ▶ Welfare Rights Officer
- ▶ Youth Worker

5,719 -
the number of
Law/Legal jobs
currently available

Source: www.totaljobs.com, 09-07-15

99,271 -
the number of people
set to retire from legal profession roles
in the UK **in the next 10 years**

Skills for Justice, Labour Force Survey

4 in 10 employers
could **NOT** fill posts due to low number of
applicants

Skills for Justice, Employer Skills Survey, 2013

**DID YOU
KNOW?**

MEET JOANNE WHO GAINED A FIRST CLASS HONOURS DEGREE AND IS NOW A FULLY-QUALIFIED SOLICITOR

Joanne gained a First Class Honours degree from University Centre at Blackburn College. She completed the law degree whilst working at Blackburn-based legal practice, Roebucks Solicitors, and is now a fully-qualified solicitor after successfully completing a training contract with the firm.

"University Centre at Blackburn College was a great place to study. It was such a great environment to study in. The tutors were fantastic and always available – you could knock on the door and they would always make time for you. I had the option to go to other Universities, but I chose to stay local because it's on my doorstep and the tutors really do have your best interests at heart."

Joanne Lewis
LLB (Hons) Law



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PUBLIC SERVICES

Through the study of public services you will gain an understanding of several areas in society and government. From Law and Human Resources to practical skills for those wishing to join Uniformed Services, you will study an array of topics that will help you develop sought-after skills.



WHY CHOOSE BLACKBURN COLLEGE & UNIVERSITY CENTRE?

GUEST SPEAKERS AND COMMUNITY ACTION

Public Services range of courses brings together leading speakers to address key public issues – you will be part of some of the most up to date Public Sector thinking and at the leading edge of developments in the Public Services area. We are proud to have a large student group who get involved with a range of volunteering, community and local based activities as part of their programmes. As well as simulated exercises our students enjoy a range of trips and activities that form part of the placement elements of their programmes.



INDUSTRY LINKS & EXTERNAL RECOGNITION

We have genuine links with practitioners in the wider policy world. Such links include many organisations from the local and national voluntary sector as well as public sector bodies such as the Welsh National Assembly, local, regional and national Fire & Rescue service, local Police Services and many more.

THE BEST QUALIFICATIONS

The degree level qualifications in this area are all approved by UK Top 10, Lancaster University. This means you will graduate with a degree certificate from a UK Top 10 University. You can be sure that the degree you will graduate with will help you get on in work and life.



WHICH AREA SHOULD I CHOOSE?

► FIRE & RESCUE

Developed in conjunction with UK Fire and Rescue Services, these practical courses offers a well-balanced and highly relevant professional programme of study for students intending to seek a career in the fire and rescue services, in local authority fire and rescue services or in airports and industrial fire sectors or more. The programmes included a growing area of Community Fire safety with a focus on fire prevention.

► HOUSING

Our Housing courses enable Public Service Management students to specialise in Housing through module choice, Housing specific placements and work-based learning tasks and a dissertation. Good housing is one of the fundamental necessities to happy communities, social mobility, crime reduction and more. These courses could be for you if you're interested in careers in Neighbourhood Management, Housing, Community Safety and a range of roles in both the private and public sector.

► PUBLIC SERVICES/ MANAGEMENT

Public Services students often find their first jobs in management, administration, customer service, or research roles in not-for-profit organisations. These include Civil Service departments/agencies, immigration, local government, NHS trusts and voluntary organisations such as charities, housing associations or campaign/pressure groups. Public Sector roles are not the only option for students in this area. Your skills and background will lead you into a wide range of rewarding careers.

► UNIFORMED SERVICES

Whether you wish to work in the Police, Army, RAF, Emergency Services or Navy or simply just want to enjoy a course with practical elements, our Uniformed Services degrees allow you to follow a core subject of Public Services but specialise in Uniformed Services through module choice, Uniformed Services specific placements and work-based learning tasks and a dissertation in the later stages of the course.



▲ This is a demonstration of a mock car accident to enable our Foundation Degree and BA (Hons) Fire & Rescue Service Management students to practice rescue scenarios in a simulated environment.

WHY
BLACKBURN
COLLEGE...

9 OUT OF 10
GRADUATES
In work or further study
6 months after graduation

85% of degrees are approved by
Lancaster University
TOP 10 of Universities in the UK

WHAT'S AVAILABLE FOR ADULTS?

See page 70
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courses available

	Adult Apprenticeship	Level 3	Foundation Degree	Honours Degree
Fire & Rescue			●	●
Housing	●		●	●
Public Services/ Management		●	●	●
Uniformed Services		●	●	●

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I CHOSE BLACKBURN COLLEGE TO...

...CHANGE MY CAREER!



Elaine Newsome
BA (Hons) Public Service Management

Elaine Newsome returned to Blackburn College whilst she was working for Burnley Borough Council as Democracy Officer, overseeing local electoral proceedings. She decided she needed a new challenge for herself and enrolled on a Public Service Management degree. Three years later she graduated with a First Class Honours and is now working full-time as Clerk to Blackburn College's own Corporation Board.

"Being a Mum and working whilst I was studying wasn't always easy but I've been able to study a degree I loved and gain a First Class Honours degree from Lancaster University. I'm now working full-time at Blackburn College as Clerk to the College's Corporation Board."

...GAIN MY DREAM JOB!



Iain Hargreaves
BA (Hons) Public Service Management

Dad Iain Hargreaves followed in daughter Emily's footsteps and signed up to the same course after Emily encouraged him to put 'his money where his mouth was'. Iain had been made redundant from several roles and decided to return to education to retrain.

Daughter Emily said: "We have always been a close family and we just get on with it. We did sit together at first but now we have our own set of friends. Everyone loves him on the course and calls him 'Pops' and I am secretly proud of him going back into education. We are quietly competitive but we both want different things and it works well for us."

Emily is set on becoming a teacher while, for Iain, it's preparing him for his return to the job market.

...BOUNCE BACK FROM REDUNDANCY!



Harry Quigley
BA (Hons) Fire & Rescue Service Management

After a gap in education, Harry returned to study to complete a Fire & Rescue Service Management degree. He has now secured a full-time job as an Ambulance Technician.

Harry said "I chose Blackburn College because it was the only one that offered a course of this kind. We got lots of hands on experience through trips all over the country to an RAF base and other sites which involved rescues from burning buildings, water rescue and cutting open cars. Only Blackburn College offers this type of experience. Blackburn College has been brilliant, not just the huge number of courses they offer but the quality and support from lecturers; they go out of their way to help us, emailing helpful things when we're not in class and always there to help".

CAREERS

Just some of the careers that students from Public Services move into include:

- ▶ Ambulance Technician
- ▶ Army Officer
- ▶ Communications Officer
- ▶ Civil Service roles
- ▶ Crisis Manager
- ▶ Democracy Officer
- ▶ Disaster Manager
- ▶ Firefighter
- ▶ Health & Safety Advisor
- ▶ Industrial Firefighter
- ▶ Immigration Officer
- ▶ Legal Administrator
- ▶ Local Government
- ▶ Politician
- ▶ Police Officer
- ▶ Prison Officer
- ▶ Probation Officer
- ▶ RAF roles
- ▶ Naval Officer
- ▶ Scene of Fire Examiner
- ▶ Victim Support Officer

Trainee firefighters start on just **over £21,000 a year**. This rises to around **£28,500** once qualified and passed as competent after probation.

Crew Managers can earn up to **£31,500 a year**, and Station Managers can earn between **£36,500 and £40,500 a year**.

Retained firefighters are paid a fee, which can be between **£2,100 and £2,800 a year**.

Source: www.nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk

DID YOU KNOW?

MEET ONE OF OUR TUTORS DR ANDREW HOLDEN

Andrew's career in teaching and research began in 1987. Most of his career has been spent teaching at Honours level and leading undergraduate programmes. He has a substantial amount of experience in higher education curriculum development and academic consultancy.

In 1999, he was awarded his PhD in Sociology from Lancaster University and has since published two books and twenty five journal papers. He has acted as an expert witness in several legal cases and one asylum seeking case for the Home Office and has appeared nine times as an academic commentator in the British media (three times on television and six times on local and/or national radio).

In 2005, Andrew was appointed as an academic researcher at Lancaster University to lead a two year investigation on community cohesion in East Lancashire – an action based project commissioned by the Home Office. His final report was presented to the Home Office, the DfES, the Head of Counter Terrorism and the BBC. In 2007, Andrew joined the Public Services team at University Centre at Blackburn College. Since then, he have undertaken three research projects and led the BA (Hons) programme in Fire and Rescue Service Management.

Dr Andrew Holden
Lecturer



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SOCIAL SCIENCE & HUMANITIES

If you're interested in the way people think, or in History, Politics, English and more, then the study of Social Sciences and Humanities could be for you. The successful completion of a course in any Humanities or Social Science subject demonstrates, in particular, a flexible and adaptable approach to learning, research skills, analytical ability, critical evaluation, the ability to work to deadlines, creativity, logical thinking, team-working, self-organisation and communication skills. These are all skills that are in demand by graduate employers.



WHY CHOOSE BLACKBURN COLLEGE & UNIVERSITY CENTRE?

EXTERNAL RECOGNITION

Courses in this area receive top praise from External Examiners for the learning, teaching and assessment practices we offer. Just look at what our External Examiner said about our English programmes in 2014. 'The quality of knowledge and skills demonstrated by students is good. There is evidence of a high standard of teaching and I was very impressed with the assessment feedback given to students which is exemplary'. University of Birmingham External Examiner's Report, 2014. Similarly the Course Consultant from Lancaster University said: 'The team continually strive to improve their students' ability to take up and benefit from what they are being offered through support including, this year, writing a Student Guide for national publication. The team should be commended for their extraordinary hard work and dedication'. Lancaster University Course Consultant's Report, 2014. Feedback across all programmes in this area is similarly impressive.

MODULE CHOICE

At University Centre at Blackburn College our Humanities students enjoy a range of contemporary modules – with a huge amount of module choice. None more so than our BA (Hons) Social Science course which enables students to choose from over 30 modules as part of their programme! This choice encourages our students to specialise in areas of their interest and leads our Humanities students on to a range of high profile institutions including London School of Economics and the University of York to continue their studies at postgraduate level.

THE BEST QUALIFICATIONS

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WHICH AREA SHOULD I CHOOSE?

▶ ENGLISH LANGUAGE

In these courses you will cover a broad range of contemporary issues in language and literacy. You will be introduced to contemporary linguistic approaches to the study of language, aspects of linguistic structure and language variation in English. You may look at how our language changes according to the context in which it is being used, how men's and women's language use differs, how we acquire language and how and why it breaks down.

▶ HISTORY

Our History programmes are designed to introduce you to the essential skills of the historian, including an understanding of current debates and perspectives, alongside an ability to contextualise history from a local and global viewpoint. This is complemented by the necessary acquisition of advanced research and analytical skills, set against substantive material drawn from modern history from the eighteenth century to the present day.

▶ POLITICS

Our Politics programmes are stimulating, interesting and contemporary, and quickly develop students' own powers of analysis and problem solving, research skills, critical thinking, team work and interpersonal skills. They are designed to help you to form a deeper understanding of the Politics of Britain and the wider world, whilst exploring the world of the political, within the complex power relationships of contemporary society.

▶ LITERARY STUDIES

Our Literary Studies programmes will introduce you to a range of literary themes, genres and theories. You will explore key trends and movements and develop an understanding of historical, thematic and interdisciplinary approaches to literary interpretation. The major historical periods are represented, as are influential, exciting and thought-provoking texts from all the major literary genres.

▶ SOCIAL SCIENCE

Our exciting Social Science courses are based round the four core Social Science subjects of Sociology, Politics, Psychology and Economics and are ideal for those who wish to gain an understanding of the big issues in contemporary global, European and UK society. Specific pathways in each of the core subjects; Psychology, Politics, Sociology and Economics are available as well as a range of inter disciplinary modules, so that you can put together a programme that best suits your interests and strengths

▶ SOCIOLOGY

Our courses in this area cover a broad range of critical and contemporary issues. These exciting and innovative programmes introduce you to the many diverse and contentious sociological perspectives that try to explain the world around us. Our modules encourage you to critically examine contemporary social change, to question the reality and representations of the social and cultural forces which mould us, and to evaluate the nature of society itself.

▶ JOINT HONOURS

If you found making three A-level choices difficult, you may well struggle to choose just one subject to take at university – Joint Honours subjects are ideal in this case. If you're an accomplished all-rounder, or perhaps just a little indecisive, a Joint Honours course could be the answer to your dilemma as it allows you to study two subjects equally, at the same level as someone else studying just one of the subjects. Most of our curriculum in this area is Joint Honours.

WHY BLACKBURN COLLEGE...

9 OUT OF 10 GRADUATES



In work or further study
6 months after graduation

WHAT'S AVAILABLE FOR ADULTS?

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	Access to Higher Education	Foundation Entry	Honours Degree
English Language	●	●	●
History	●	●	●
Politics	●	●	●
Literary Studies	●	●	●
Social Science	●	●	●
Sociology	●	●	●

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I CHOSE BLACKBURN COLLEGE TO:

...CHANGE MY CAREER!



Diane O'Brien

BA (Hons) Social Science

Diane is now a Social Worker after completing her BA (Hons) Social Science degree and a Masters in Social Work.

"For the past years I'd worked for Lancashire County Council in a social work department and my desire to become a fully qualified social worker persuaded me to go back into education. I had previously felt frustrated at my lack of qualifications, but my desire to be a social worker was so strong it drove me on."

"I was pleased to see I wasn't the oldest, it was a good mix. Because University Centre at Blackburn College is relatively small I found it a very friendly supportive environment, while at the same time the lecturers were very committed and I felt the standard of teaching was very high."

...BECOME A TEACHER!



Daisy Nazareth-Kay

BA (Hons) English Language & Literary Studies

Daisy did not choose UCBC at first but another University. It turned out not to be for her and the tutor encouraged her to try University Centre at Blackburn College and return to study. She has since completed a PGCE and is now a fully-qualified teacher of English.

"I loved the environment at Blackburn. The tutor was supportive and understanding of my situation and encouraged me to attend the lectures. The class was small and invited more class participation and discussion, which is exactly what I wanted from my university experience. I will have completed my degree with a qualification from an institution that is recognised worldwide. I urge anyone who is researching university choices not to ignore those on your doorstep."

...GAIN A LANCASTER UNIVERSITY DEGREE!



Mushtaq Quraishi

BA (Hons) History & Politics

Mushtaq decided to do his degree in Blackburn as he was attracted by our links with Lancaster University. He gained a First Class Honours degree.

"I decided I didn't want to move away to University as I wanted to study close to home as it made it so much more convenient as well as much cheaper. It was really important to me that the degree was validated by Lancaster University – I got a Lancaster University certificate without having to move there. I've gained such a lot from the course – my favourite part of it was the dissertation which enabled me to look at the professionalisation of Football over time. I'm now assessing my options for jobs I want to apply for."

WHAT DIRECTION MIGHT MY CAREER TAKE?

Humanities and Social Science students are knowledgeable, imaginative, articulate, confident, multi-skilled and a highly employable people. Humanities and Social Science graduates are amongst the most sought after and well rewarded in the European jobs market.

Amongst other areas students develop careers in social work and the social services sector; the media and research organisations; local government and health service management; the Police and armed forces; retail management and business, where their analytical abilities are highly prized.

Many want to be teachers, firstly taking a PGCE then going into teaching at primary, secondary and post 16 levels whilst some of our graduates having gone on to postgraduate study, now teach in Higher Education

Post-graduate study is a popular option whilst others undertake further study via professional courses.

One graduate from this area even opened her own micro-brewery and bar, others are Politicians, Higher Education Managers, Speech Therapists, Civil Servants and more. You'll be amazed where a Social Science and Humanities course can take you.

2,634 - the number of Local Government and Council jobs currently available

Source: www.totaljobs.com, 09-07-15

£19,909 - the average graduate starting salary from a History degree

Source: Graduate Recruitment Bureau

£20,774 - the average graduate starting salary from a Sociology degree

Source: Graduate Recruitment Bureau

DID YOU KNOW?

RESEARCH & SCHOLARSHIP

Students at University Centre at Blackburn College gain insights into the world of academic research throughout their courses and we actively promote Scholarship across our programmes.

Recently this included attending talks and seminars by Dr Gail Crowther, a Sociology lecturer who specialises in the works of Sylvia Plath.

Students from BA (Hons) English Language & Literary Studies, Social Science, Joint Honours and Graphic Communication attended the talks.

Dr Craig Hammond, Lecturer in Sociology at University Centre at Blackburn College said: "The event provided University Centre at Blackburn College students and staff with a useful insight into a high profile author and provided a Question and Answer session."

"Events like these raise the profile of the external research and publication environment we are building here at University Centre at Blackburn College and also provide students with an opportunity to engage with recently produced research."

"At an informal discussion after the event, a number of students had an opportunity to discuss their current Dissertation projects; they were afforded access to different ideas and external contacts for further research purposes."

The lecture was also attended by academic colleagues from the University of Central Lancashire and many local Plath enthusiasts.



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SPORT & FITNESS

Sport and Fitness are vital parts of the UK economy and society, and offer a wide range of career opportunities.

Courses in this area are ideal if you want to set up your own business, seek promotion or move into a range of sporting careers. Our staff in this area have a range of backgrounds – from professionals, to Sports Coaches and full-time teachers.



WHY CHOOSE BLACKBURN COLLEGE & UNIVERSITY CENTRE?

AMAZING FACILITIES

In 2014, Blackburn College opened a brand new £13.5 million Sports and Leisure Centre, built in conjunction with Blackburn with Darwen Council. The centre boast 2 sports halls, a 80 station gym, aerobics studio, state of the art sports performance lab and a 6 lane, 25 metre swimming pool and sports performance laboratory.



Credit: Photography courtesy of Eric Wright and David Millington

ADDITIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

Students on Sports/Community Coaching and Sports Performance programmes approved from the University of South Wales will also be provided with the opportunity to undertake UK Coaching Certificates (UKCC) Level 1 and 2 (or higher should you already have Level 1 or 2) as part of the course at no additional cost.

A RANGE OF UNIVERSITY OPPORTUNITIES

Degree programmes in this area are approved by a range of University partners including the University of South Wales, University of Cumbria and the University of Central Lancashire. UCLan students also have access to the University's Preston campus for additional learning resources whereas University of South Wales students undertake trips to South Wales for inductions and visits at the start of the programmes.



WHICH AREA SHOULD I CHOOSE?

HEALTH & PERSONAL TRAINING

If you're interested in topics such as Health and Fitness Management, Nutrition and Weight Control, Developing Physical Activity and Exercise Science then this area is for you. This course is approved by the University of Central Lancashire (UCLan) and you will be able to progress to the final year of BA (Hons) Exercise & Fitness Management at UCLan upon successful completion of the course.

SPORTS /COMMUNITY COACHING

In our programmes in Community Coaching and Sports Development you will look specifically at community sports projects that exist within the region and how sport is able to shape the community around us. You'll work on real life projects and other community based sports initiatives. You'll have access to coaching within the community, work-placement opportunities at Blackburn Rovers Football Club as well as focus on setting up new community projects, sports event planning and sports performance analysis.

SPORTS PERFORMANCE

If you're interested in Sports Science, physiology, anatomy, nutrition, sports psychology and performance analysis alongside Sports Coaching then these programmes are for you. You'll be able to make use of the brand new £13.5million Blackburn Sports and Leisure Centre which includes a new Sports Performance Laboratory which will help you analyse an athlete's performance and prepare for careers in elite sports performance.

The number of people with sport-related jobs in 2010 was estimated at over 400,000 – that's 2.3% of all employment in England. It's grown since then too!

2,426 – the number of Sport job vacancies currently available!

Source: www.totaljobs.com, 09-07-15

DID YOU KNOW?

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WHAT'S AVAILABLE FOR ADULTS?

	Adult Apprenticeship	Level 2 & 3	Foundation Degree	Honours Degree
Health & Personal Training	●	●	●	
Sports Coaching	●	●	●	●
Sports Performance	●	●	●	●

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MEET BEN

Ben joined the Foundation Degree in Community Coaching and Sports Development with no formal qualifications, and has now graduated with a Distinction before completing his Honours degree. Ben had spent the previous nine years working in a factory as a warehouseman. As part of his course, Ben has now qualified as a coach in several sports disciplines and volunteers as a sports coach at Blackburn Harriers and Blackburn Community Club. Ben is now moving into a career in sports teaching.

"After my second child was born I realised I'd had enough of working in the warehouse and my life had to change. It didn't bother me going back to college as an older student as I still feel young anyway and the whole experience was all new to me. It came as quite a surprise how well I have fit in."

Ben Armstrong | BSc (Hons) Community Coaching & Sports Development



COURSES AVAILABLE

ACCOUNTING, BUSINESS & FINANCE

	LEVEL / QUALIFICATION	FOUNDATION ENTRY DEGREE AVAILABLE?	FULL-TIME DURATION	APPROVED BY:
24+ Business with Law	Level 3		2 Years	Edexcel
24+ Business Accounting	Level 3		2 Years	Edexcel
24+ Access to Higher Education Diploma: Business & Legal Professions	Level 3		1 Year	Accentis
24+ Access to Higher Education Diploma: Business with Technology	Level 3		1 Year	Accentis
HND Business - Start Anytime!	Higher National Diploma		Flexible	Edexcel
BA (Hons) Business Studies (Top Up)	Honours Degree		1 Year	University of South Wales
FdA Accounting	Foundation Degree		2 Years	Lancaster University
FdA Accounting (Financial Services)	Foundation Degree		2 Years	Lancaster University
BA (Hons) Accounting (Top Up)	Honours Degree		1 Year	Lancaster University
FdA Business	Foundation Degree		2 Years	Lancaster University
BA (Hons) Business (Top Up)	Honours Degree		1 Year	Lancaster University
BA (Hons) Business with Human Resource Management	Honours Degree	Yes + 1 Year	3 Years	Lancaster University
BA (Hons) Business Studies	Honours Degree	Yes + 1 Year	3 Years	Lancaster University
BA (Hons) Business Accounting	Honours Degree	Yes + 1 Year	3 Years	Lancaster University
FdA Retail Management	Foundation Degree		2 Years	Lancaster University
BA (Hons) Retail Management (Top Up)	Honours Degree		1 Year	Lancaster University
FdA Coaching and Mentoring	Foundation Degree		2 Years	Lancaster University

CATERING & HOSPITALITY

	LEVEL / QUALIFICATION	FOUNDATION ENTRY DEGREE AVAILABLE?	FULL-TIME DURATION	APPROVED BY:
24+ Professional Cookery	Level 3		1 Year	City & Guilds
24+ Food & Beverage Supervision	Level 3		1 Year	City & Guilds
24+ Patisserie & Confectionary	Level 3		1 Year	City & Guilds
FdA Hospitality Management	Foundation Degree		2 Years	Lancaster University
FdA Hospitality Management (Event Management)	Foundation Degree		2 Years	Lancaster University
BA (Hons) Hospitality Management (Top Up)	Honours Degree		1 Year	Lancaster University

CHILDCARE & YOUNG PEOPLE

	LEVEL / QUALIFICATION	FOUNDATION ENTRY DEGREE AVAILABLE?	FULL-TIME DURATION	APPROVED BY:
Employability Skills for Working in the Health Adult Care & Childcare Sector			12 weeks	City & Guilds
Supporting Teaching & Learning in Schools	Level 2		1 Year	CACHE
24+ Supporting Teaching & Learning in Schools	Level 3		1 Year	CACHE
24+ Early Years Educator	Level 3		2 Years	City & Guilds
24+ Children & Young People's Workforce - Social Care	Level 3		1 Year	City & Guilds
24+ Childcare Residential Diploma	Level 3		1 Year	City & Guilds
FdA Early Childhood Studies	Foundation Degree		2 Years	Lancaster University
BA (Hons) Early Childhood Studies (Top Up)	Honours Degree		1 Year	Lancaster University
FdA Positive Practice with Children & Young People	Foundation Degree		2 Years	Lancaster University
BA (Hons) Positive Practice with Children & Young People (Top Up)	Honours Degree		1 Year	Lancaster University
FdA Disability Studies (Inclusive Practice)	Foundation Degree		2 Years	Lancaster University
BA (Hons) Disability Studies (Top Up)	Honours Degree		1 Year	Lancaster University

24+ LOAN AVAILABLE FOR LEVEL 3 & 4 COURSES See page 12 for more information

COMPUTING

	LEVEL / QUALIFICATION	FOUNDATION ENTRY DEGREE AVAILABLE?	FULL-TIME DURATION	APPROVED BY:
24+ Interactive Media & Software	Level 3		2 Years	Edexcel
24+ Creative Design in Technology	Level 3		2 Years	Edexcel
24+ Access to Higher Education Diploma (Computing)	Level 3		1 Year	Accentis
FdSc Computing (Business Information Systems)	Foundation Degree		2 Years	Lancaster University
BSc (Hons) Computing (Business Information Systems) (Top Up)	Honours Degree		1 Year	Lancaster University
FdSc Computing (Software Development)	Foundation Degree		2 Years	Lancaster University
BSc (Hons) Computing (Software Development) (Top Up)	Honours Degree		1 Year	Lancaster University
FdSc Computing (Networking & Forensics)	Foundation Degree		2 Years	Lancaster University
BSc (Hons) Computing (Networking & Forensics) (Top Up)	Honours Degree		1 Year	Lancaster University

CONSTRUCTION

	LEVEL / QUALIFICATION	FOUNDATION ENTRY DEGREE AVAILABLE?	FULL-TIME DURATION	APPROVED BY:
24+ Construction and the Built Environment	Level 3		2 Years	Edexcel
24+ Bricklaying	Levels 1 - 3		1 Year	Edexcel
24+ Carpentry & Joinery	Levels 1 - 3		1 Year	Edexcel
24+ Electrical Installation	Level 3		1 Year	Edexcel
24+ Plumbing	Levels 1 - 3		1 Year	Edexcel
24+ Access to Higher Education Diploma: Construction	Level 3		1 Year	Accentis
HNC Construction and the Built Environment	Higher National Certificate		1 Year	Edexcel
HND Construction and the Built Environment	Higher National Diploma		2 Years	Edexcel
BSc (Hons) Construction (Building Surveying)	Honours Degree	Yes + 1 Year	3 Years	Lancaster University
BSc (Hons) Construction (Sustainable Design)	Honours Degree	Yes + 1 Year	3 Years	Lancaster University
BSc (Hons) Construction (Project Management)	Honours Degree	Yes + 1 Year	3 Years	Lancaster University
BSc (Hons) Construction (Building Surveying) (Top Up)	Honours Degree		2 Years	Lancaster University
BSc (Hons) Construction (Sustainable Design) (Top Up)	Honours Degree		2 Years	Lancaster University
BSc (Hons) Construction (Project Management) (Top Up)	Honours Degree		2 Years	Lancaster University

CREATIVE ARTS

	LEVEL / QUALIFICATION	FOUNDATION ENTRY DEGREE AVAILABLE?	FULL-TIME DURATION	APPROVED BY:
24+ Art & Design	Level 3		1 Year	University of the Arts, London
24+ Graphic Design	Level 3		1 Year	University of the Arts, London
24+ Fashion, Interior and Textile Design	Level 3		1 Year	University of the Arts, London
24+ Photography	Level 3		1 Year	University of the Arts, London
24+ Creative Media Production	Level 3		1 Year	University of the Arts, London
Music Performance	Level 2		1 Year	Rockschool
24+ Music Performance	Level 3		2 Years	Rockschool
Music Technology	Level 2		1 Year	Rockschool
24+ Music Technology	Level 3		2 Years	Rockschool
24+ UAL Foundation Diploma in Art & Design	Level 3/4		1 Year	University of the Arts, London
BA (Hons) Fine Art (Integrated Media)	Honours Degree	Yes + 1 Year	3 Years	Lancaster University
BA (Hons) Graphic Communication	Honours Degree	Yes + 1 Year	3 Years	Lancaster University
BA (Hons) Illustration & Animation	Honours Degree	Yes + 1 Year	3 Years	Lancaster University
FdA Graphic Design	Foundation Degree		2 Years	Lancaster University
FdA Contemporary Textiles	Foundation Degree		2 Years	Lancaster University
BA (Hons) Contemporary Textiles (Top Up)	Honours Degree		1 Year	Lancaster University
FdA Contemporary Fashion	Foundation Degree		2 Years	Lancaster University
BA (Hons) Contemporary Fashion (Top Up)	Honours Degree		1 Year	Lancaster University
FdA Contemporary Design for Interiors	Foundation Degree		2 Years	Lancaster University
BA (Hons) Contemporary Design for Interiors (Top Up)	Honours Degree		1 Year	Lancaster University
FdA Photographic Media	Foundation Degree		2 Years	Lancaster University
BA (Hons) Photographic Media (Top Up)	Honours Degree		1 Year	Lancaster University

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FOR LEVEL 3 & 4 COURSES
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EDUCATION,
COACHING & TEACHING

	LEVEL / QUALIFICATION	FOUNDATION ENTRY DEGREE AVAILABLE?	FULL-TIME DURATION	APPROVED BY:
Supporting Teaching & Learning in Schools	Level 2		1 Year	CACHE
24+ Supporting Teaching & Learning in Schools	Level 3		1 Year	CACHE
24+ Access to Higher Education Diploma: (Education Professions)	Level 3		1 Year	Accentis
FdA Teaching & Learning Support (Primary)	Foundation Degree		2 Years	Lancaster University
BA (Hons) Education Studies	Honours Degree		3 Years	Lancaster University
FdA Coaching & Mentoring	Foundation Degree		2 Years	Lancaster University
BA (Hons) Coaching & Mentoring (Top Up)	Honours Degree		1 Year	Lancaster University
Certificate in Education & Training, Preparatory	Teacher Training		12 Weeks	UCLan
Certificate in Education & Training, Introductory	Teacher Training		1 Year	UCLan
PGCE (Education & Training) / Certificate in Education (Education & Training)	Teacher Training		1 Year	UCLan

ENGINEERING &
MOTOR VEHICLE

	LEVEL / QUALIFICATION	FOUNDATION ENTRY DEGREE AVAILABLE?	FULL-TIME DURATION	APPROVED BY:
24+ Electrical Engineering	Level 3		2 Years	Edexcel
24+ Mechanical Engineering	Level 3		2 Years	Edexcel
24+ Access to Higher Education Diploma: Engineering				
Science with Mathematics	Level 3		1 Year	Accentis
HNC Automotive Engineering	Higher National Certificate		1 Year	Edexcel
HND Automotive Engineering	Higher National Diploma		2 Years	Edexcel
HNC Mechanical Engineering	Higher National Certificate		1 Year	Edexcel
HND Mechanical Engineering	Higher National Diploma		2 Years	Edexcel
BEng (Hons) Mechanical Engineering	Honours Degree	Yes + 1 Year	3 Years	Lancaster University
HNC Electrical/Electronic Engineering	Higher National Certificate		1 Year	Edexcel
HND Electrical/Electronic Engineering	Higher National Diploma		2 Years	Edexcel
BEng (Hons) Electrical/Electronic Engineering	Honours Degree	Yes + 1 Year	3 Years	Lancaster University
BEng (Hons) Robotics & Mechatronics	Honours Degree	Yes + 1 Year	3 Years	Lancaster University

HAIR & BEAUTY

	LEVEL / QUALIFICATION	FOUNDATION ENTRY DEGREE AVAILABLE?	FULL-TIME DURATION	APPROVED BY:
24+ Barbering	Levels 1 - 3		1 Year	City & Guilds
24+ Beauty Therapy	Levels 1 - 3		1 Year	City & Guilds
24+ Hairdressing	Levels 1 - 3		1 Year	City & Guilds
24+ Nail Technology	Level 3		1 Year	City & Guilds
24+ Spa & Holistic Practice	Level 3		1 Year	City & Guilds
FdSc Complementary Therapies	Foundation Degree		2 Years	University of Cumbria
BSc (Hons) Professional Practice in Complementary Health Therapies (Top Up)	Honours Degree		1 Year	University of Cumbria

HEALTH, SOCIAL CARE &
COUNSELLING

	LEVEL / QUALIFICATION	FOUNDATION ENTRY DEGREE AVAILABLE?	FULL-TIME DURATION	APPROVED BY:
Access to Higher Education Diploma: Pre Diploma for Healthcare and Social Science Professions	Level 2		1 Year	Accentis
24+ Access to Higher Education Diploma: Biosciences	Level 3		1 Year	Accentis
24+ Access to Higher Education Diploma: Social Sciences	Level 3		1 Year	Accentis
24+ Access to Higher Education Diploma: Healthcare (Nursing)	Level 3		1 Year	Accentis
24+ Access to Higher Education Diploma: Healthcare (Midwifery)	Level 3		1 Year	Accentis
24+ Access to Higher Education Diploma: Healthcare (Mental Health)	Level 3		1 Year	Accentis
24+ Health & Social Care	Level 3		1 Year	City & Guilds
24+ Diploma in Adult Care	Level 4		1 Year	City & Guilds
Health & Social Care (Health)	Higher National Diploma		2 Years	Edexcel
FdA Social Care	Foundation Degree		2 Years	Lancaster University
BA (Hons) Social Care (Top Up)	Honours Degree		1 Year	Lancaster University
FdA Counselling	Foundation Degree		2 Years	Lancaster University
BA (Hons) Counselling (Top Up)	Honours Degree		1 Year	Lancaster University
BSc (Hons) Applied Psychology (Counselling & Health)	Honours Degree	Yes + 1 Year	3 Years	Lancaster University

LAW & JUSTICE

	LEVEL / QUALIFICATION	FOUNDATION ENTRY DEGREE AVAILABLE?	FULL-TIME DURATION	APPROVED BY:
24+ Access to Higher Education Diploma: Business & Legal Professions	Level 3		1 Year	Accentis
24+ Access to Higher Education Diploma: Social Sciences (Probation)	Level 3		1 Year	Accentis
24+ Business with Law	Level 3		2 Years	Edexcel
FdA Paralegal Studies	Foundation Degree		2 Years	University of South Wales
LLB (Hons) Law (Accelerated Route)	Honours Degree		2 Years	University of South Wales
LLB (Hons) Law	Honours Degree		3 Years	University of South Wales
LLM Law	Master's Degree		1 Year	University of South Wales
FdA Criminology & Criminal Justice	Foundation Degree		2 Years	Lancaster University
BA (Hons) Criminology (Top Up)	Honours Degree		1 Year	Lancaster University

PUBLIC SERVICES

	LEVEL / QUALIFICATION	FOUNDATION ENTRY DEGREE AVAILABLE?	FULL-TIME DURATION	APPROVED BY:
24+ Certificate in Housing	Level 3		1 Year	Edexcel
24+ Public Services	Level 3		2 Years	Edexcel
FdA Public Services (Housing)	Foundation Degree		2 Years	Lancaster University
BA (Hons) Public Services (Housing) (Top Up)	Honours Degree		1 Year	Lancaster University
FdA Public Services (Uniformed Services)	Foundation Degree		2 Years	Lancaster University
BA (Hons) Public Services (Uniformed Services) (Top Up)	Honours Degree		1 Year	Lancaster University
FdA Fire & Rescue Service Management	Foundation Degree		2 Years	Lancaster University
BA (Hons) Fire & Rescue Service Management (Top Up)	Honours Degree		1 Year	Lancaster University
FdA Fire & Rescue Service Management	Foundation Degree		2 Years	Lancaster University
BA (Hons) Fire & Rescue Service Management (Top Up)	Honours Degree		1 Year	Lancaster University

SOCIAL SCIENCE & HUMANITIES

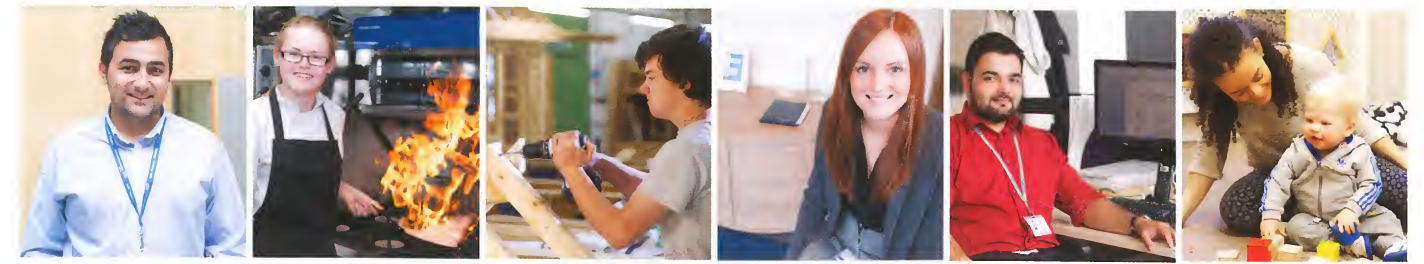
	LEVEL / QUALIFICATION	FOUNDATION ENTRY DEGREE AVAILABLE?	FULL-TIME DURATION	APPROVED BY:
Access to Higher Education Diploma: Pre Diploma for Healthcare and Social Science Professions	Level 2		1 Year	Accentis
24+ Access to Higher Education Diploma: Social Sciences	Level 3		1 Year	Accentis
BA (Hons) English Language & Literary Studies	Honours Degree	Yes + 1 Year	3 Years	Lancaster University
BA (Hons) Social Science	Honours Degree	Yes + 1 Year	3 Years	Lancaster University
BA (Hons) Politics & English Language	Honours Degree	Yes + 1 Year	3 Years	Lancaster University
BA (Hons) Politics & Literary Studies	Honours Degree	Yes + 1 Year	3 Years	Lancaster University
BA (Hons) Politics & History	Honours Degree	Yes + 1 Year	3 Years	Lancaster University
BA (Hons) Politics & Sociology	Honours Degree	Yes + 1 Year	3 Years	Lancaster University
BA (Hons) Sociology & English Language	Honours Degree	Yes + 1 Year	3 Years	Lancaster University
BA (Hons) Sociology & Literary Studies	Honours Degree	Yes + 1 Year	3 Years	Lancaster University
BA (Hons) Sociology & History	Honours Degree	Yes + 1 Year	3 Years	Lancaster University
BA (Hons) History & Sociology	Honours Degree	Yes + 1 Year	3 Years	Lancaster University
BA (Hons) History & English Language	Honours Degree	Yes + 1 Year	3 Years	Lancaster University
BA (Hons) History & Literary Studies	Honours Degree	Yes + 1 Year	3 Years	Lancaster University

SPORT & FITNESS

	LEVEL / QUALIFICATION	FOUNDATION ENTRY DEGREE AVAILABLE?	FULL-TIME DURATION	APPROVED BY:
24+ Sport	Level 2/3		1 Year	Edexcel
Health, Fitness & Exercise Instruction	Level 2		24 Weeks	YMCA
24+ Certificate in Personal Training & Instruction	Level 3		24 Weeks	YMCA
FdSc Community Coaching & Sports Development	Foundation Degree		2 Years	University of South Wales
BSc (Hons) Community Coaching & Sports Development (Top Up)	Honours Degree		1 Year	University of South Wales
FdSc Sports Coaching & Performance	Foundation Degree		2 Years	University of South Wales
BSc (Hons) Sports Coaching & Performance (Top Up)	Honours Degree		1 Year	University of South Wales
FdA Health & Personal Training	Foundation Degree		2 Years	UCLan

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APPRENTICESHIPS



ACCOUNTING, BUSINESS & FINANCE

APPRENTICESHIPS	I	A	H
Accounting	•	•	•
Business and Administration	•	•	
Customer Service	•	•	
Human Resources Management	•	•	•
Management		•	•
Retail	•	•	

CATERING & HOSPITALITY

APPRENTICESHIPS	I	A	H
Food and Beverage Service	•		
Food Production & Cooking	•		
Front Office	•		
Hospitality Services	•		
Hospitality Supervision & Leadership		•	
Housekeeping	•		
Professional Cookery	•	•	

CHILDCARE & YOUNG PEOPLE

APPRENTICESHIPS	I	A	H
Childrens and Young People's Workforce	•	•	
Playwork	•	•	
Youth Work	•		

COMPUTING

APPRENTICESHIPS	I	A	H
IT Application Specialists	•	•	
IT Software, Web & Telecoms	•	•	

CONSTRUCTION

APPRENTICESHIPS	I	A	H
Brickwork	•	•	
Carpentry & Joinery	•	•	
Fitted Interiors	•	•	
Plumbing	•	•	
Gas		•	
Electrical Installation		•	

CREATIVE ARTS

APPRENTICESHIPS	I	A	H
Textiles	•	•	

EDUCATION, COACHING & TEACHING

APPRENTICESHIPS	I	A	H
Supporting Teaching and Learning in School	•	•	

ENGINEERING & MOTOR VEHICLE

APPRENTICESHIPS	I	A	H
Manufacturing Engineering	•		
Warehousing	•		
Auto Electrical	•	•	
Light Vehicle Maintenance & Repair	•	•	
Vehicle Parts	•	•	

HAIR & BEAUTY THERAPIES

APPRENTICESHIPS	I	A	H
Barbering	•	•	
Beauty Therapy	•	•	
Hairdressing	•	•	
Nail Services	•	•	

HEALTH, SOCIAL CARE & COUNSELLING

APPRENTICESHIPS	I	A	H
Health & Social Care	•	•	
Clinical Healthcare Support	•	•	

PUBLIC SERVICES

APPRENTICESHIPS	I	A	H
Housing	•	•	

SPORT & FITNESS

APPRENTICESHIPS	I	A	H
Activity Leadership	•		
Fitness and Exercise	•	•	
Leisure Management		•	
Leisure Operations	•		
Personal Training		•	
Sports Development		•	
Supporting Learning in PE and School Sport		•	



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